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Left: Fahd al-Qasbi waits in his courtroom cell for sentencing Wednesday for his role in the 2000 attack on the USS Cole. Al-Qasbi received a 10-year prison sentence. Right: A small boat guards the USS Cole on Oct. 20, 2000, eight days after a suicide bombing that killed 17 American sailors as their destroyer refueled in the southern Yemeni port of Aden. A Yemeni judge sentenced two men — Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri and Jamal al-Badawi — to death and four others to prison terms ranging from five to 10 years.

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States

Fast-food prank calls: A man suspected of making hoax phone calls to fast-food restaurants and encouraging management to strip search employees was released from jail while authorities determine if they detained the right person. David R. Stewart, 37, of Fountain, Fla., was being monitored by a tracking device after Circuit Judge Michael Overstreet let him out of jail Tuesday. A court hearing was set for next week to determine whether to continue with the case against him.

Stewart had been held at the Bay County Jail in Florida since his arrest at home in July on a fugitive warrant from Mount Washington, Ky. He is accused of calling several fast-food restaurants in Kentucky and Massachusetts, posing as a police officer and ordering restaurant managers to strip search employees.

Accused dog-handler: A Detroit woman who once was recognized as one of the nation's best trainers and handlers of cadaver-sniffing dogs was sentenced Tuesday to 21 months in prison for falsifying bones and other fake evidence in cases she worked.

Sandra M. Anderson, 43, of Sanford, Mich., pleaded guilty in March to five felony charges, including obstruction of justice and making false statements to federal authorities.

Anderson had claimed to have conducted about 200 searches annually for police and historical preservation groups over 17 years. But Paige Fitzgerald, a Justice Department attorney, told the court that investigators reviewed about 50 cases on which Anderson worked and said she provided no real help.

An August 2003 indictment said Anderson — with her dog Egle, a Doberman-German shorthair pointer mix — faked evidence in several cases in Michigan and Ohio. She planted bones in search areas and used her body fluids to stain a saw blade, coins and a piece of cloth, it said.



Anderson

Ten Commandments judge: A judge dismissed a lawsuit demanding that ousted Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore pay the \$550,000 in attorneys' fees awarded to groups that sued to have his Ten Commandments monument removed from the state judicial building.

The order by Circuit Judge Tracy McCooley, which attorneys received Tuesday in Montgomery, said the 10 citizens who filed the suit had no legal standing to seek the removal of spent state funds.

The plaintiffs — ranging from atheists to pastors — claimed that Moore should pay, on grounds he knew his defense of the 5,300-pound monument would fail.

A federal judge ruled that the monument was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion by government and ordered it removed. Moore refused and, after being overruled by his colleagues on the Supreme Court, was expelled from office for violating judicial ethics canons.

Late-term abortion bans: The Justice Department said Tuesday that it will appeal a Nebraska judge's ruling striking down the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf declared the ban unconstitutional Sept. 8, saying it interferes with the right to an abortion and fails to allow exceptions when a woman's health is in danger.

The Justice Department said it will challenge ruling on both counts before the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Erased Scalia speech: The Associated



Middle East unrest: An Israeli bulldozer clears the area Wednesday during an Israeli army incursion aimed at Palestinian militants into Beit Lahia, in the northern Gaza Strip. About 110 Israeli vehicles — including tanks, armored personnel carriers and bulldozers — moved into northern Gaza, witnesses said. Three Palestinians were killed in the overnight raid, including a Hamas militant, and 10 wounded in an exchange of fire with Israeli forces.

Press and the Hattiesburg (Miss.) American agreed Tuesday to end their litigation against the U.S. Marshals Service over the erasing of recordings of a speech by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The government had conceded in a filing on Sept. 10 that the Marshals Service violated federal law when a deputy marshal ordered reporters to erase their recordings of Scalia's April speech at a Hattiesburg high school.

The Justice Department also said the reporters and their employers are each entitled to \$1,000 in damages and reasonable attorneys' fees, as sought by the media organizations.

During the April 7 speech, a deputy federal marshal, Melanie Rube, demanded that AP reporter Denise Grunes and Hattiesburg American reporter Antoinette Konz erase recordings of the justice's remarks. The reporters had not been told before the speech that they could not use tape recordings.

World

Sept. 11 suspect: A Moroccan charged with helping the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers viewed Americans as enemies and appeared to support the attacks on New York and Washington, a former fellow prisoner testified Tuesday.

Mutlu Aksu, a 32-year-old Turk serving a sentence for illegally entering Germany, told the Hamburg state court that he spent several months at the same prison as defendant Mounir el Motassadeq when the latter was in custody awaiting trial.

Aksu said he got the impression that el Motassadeq knew about the Sept. 11 plot and was "proud of it" — something the Moroccan denies — but added that "he did not tell me that in so many words."

El Motassadeq, charged with more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization, has acknowledged knowing Hamburg-based hijackers Mohammed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah as friends but said he was unaware of their plot.

Asian bird flu: Thailand declared a national war on bird flu Wednesday as Asia's death toll in the epidemic rose to 30 with Vietnam confirming another fatality, amid concern that the virus had passed from human to human.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said the disease must be eradicated before colder weather sets in, when people are more vulnerable to viruses. Migratory birds believed to spread the illness also arrive then.

His remarks came after Thailand set alarm bells ringing Tuesday when it reported its first case of probable human-to-human transmission of the virus in a 26-year-old woman, Prancee Sodsichuen, who became the country's 10th confirmed fatality.

Abandoned baby: A woman whose infant son died after she abandoned him last year outside a conference of Asian leaders in Bangkok, Thailand, was sentenced Tuesday to 25 years in prison, a Criminal Court official said.

Nongnuch McKaweney, 23, was initially sentenced to death, but the penalty was reduced after she pleaded guilty to murder and child abandonment charges and was found to have acted out of stress and confusion, the official said on condition of anonymity.

The baby died of respiratory failure at a Bangkok hospital on Oct. 22 last year, days after a police officer found the newborn wrapped in two plastic bags and dumped in a trash can near a venue where the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum was being held.

Wandering crocodile: A crocodile that became a Hong Kong celebrity by evading capture for months will be put on public display at the local research institute it now calls home, officials said Tuesday.

The croc — named Pui Pui, or "precious one" — has been held in quarantine at the Kadocrie Farm and Research Institute since it was snared in June after making headlines by foiling hunters from Hong Kong, Australia and China for seven months.

The 5-foot croc, which was first spotted in a polluted suburban creek in November, generated internet media and public interest while on the run.

Military

Land acquisition: Native Hawaiian groups went to court Monday to try and block the Army's acquisition of 1,400 acres of pineapple fields and other agriculture land near Schofield Barracks for its new Striker brigade.

The groups contend the Army failed to consider any location other than Hawaii before deciding to move forward with plans to renovate and expand existing island facilities to transform the 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade at Schofield Barracks to a more mobile, fast-moving Striker unit. The new brigade would bring 291 Striker vehicles and about 800 additional soldiers to Hawaii.

Stories and photos from wire services



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Lt. Gen. William Wallace, former V Corps commander, says he didn't recognize quickly enough when the power shifted away from Saddam Hussein during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Wallace spoke Wednesday at the Land Combat Expo in Heidelberg, Germany.

Wallace: Iraq moves were slow

Ex-V Corps CO says U.S. didn't notice power shift soon enough

BY CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — The U.S. military overwhelmed Saddam Hussein's forces on the way to Baghdad in spring 2003. But the man who led the ground invasion told soldiers Wednesday that he wished he had done a better job directing his units as the war shifted from conventional to street warfare.

Army Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, the former commander of V Corps, also said he wished he had recognized more quickly when the power in Iraq shifted from Saddam's regime to the Iraqi people.

"There was a point when the regime was no longer relevant, no longer pulling the strings and running the country," Wal-

lace said Wednesday at the Land Combat Expo 2004, which runs through Thursday.

"In retrospect, we were slow to pick up on that. We missed an opportunity for the Iraqi people to become part of the solution instead of standing on the sidelines waiting to see how things turned out."

The inability to co-opt the Iraqi people in a timely manner as the tide turned was one the lessons Wallace said he learned while deploying and commanding V Corps at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

When asked if the military did not have a plan, or a good enough plan, to "win the peace," Wallace replied that the plan was based on faulty assumptions on what would happen once the U.S.-led coalition



Author Ralph Peters, right, chats with Maj. Jason Welch while signing copies of his latest book, "Beyond Baghdad," at the USAREUR Land Combat Expo on Tuesday in Heidelberg, Germany.

captured Baghdad.

The Iraqi people were expected to cooperate more than they did, Wallace said. Public services such as electric, water and services were expected to be in better shape, as were the institutions that operated them.

"I did not have an appreciation of how intrinsically [Saddam's] Baath Party was woven

into the society," Wallace said.

Wallace, who now is commanding general of the U.S. Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., said that in future wars, "totalitarian regime changes and what follows has to be part of the planning up front."

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VIP guest house named for NCO killed in Iraq

BY JON R. ANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Some of the Army's most senior soldiers in Europe opened the second day of the Land Combat Expo by paying tribute to a fallen friend and colleague during a solemn memorial Wednesday.

The troops assembled to dedicate the VIP guest house in Heidelberg to Command Sgt. Maj. Eric F. Cooke, who was killed in action on Christmas Eve in Iraq last year.

"Today, we close ranks to celebrate and honor the ultimate sacrifice of one of our noncommissioned officers," Gen. B.B. Bell, commander of U.S. Army Europe, said before the assembly of mostly sergeants major, colonels and general officers.



Cooke

troops," said Bell.

"It was his vehicle that was hit, and had he not made that trip, it would have been one of his soldiers killed. He took one for one of his soldiers."

Cooke was the top enlisted soldier of 1st Armored Division's 1st Brigade when he was killed in an ambush. He is among more than 130 Europe-based soldiers killed in Iraq so far.

"On Christmas Eve, he was making his rounds as he so often did, to check on his

Choking back tears, 1st Armored Division commander Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey told Cooke's mother that the largest base camp in Iraq "was named after your son, because he had the biggest heart."

Cooke's mother, Georgia, and wife, Dagmar, are the first to stay in the newly dedicated guest house, which has been decorated with memorabilia from Cooke's service in uniform.

"Because we were inspired by his actions, we dedicate this guest house so that others may be inspired as well," said Dempsey.

"He inspired ordinary soldiers to do extraordinary things in very hard places," added Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gravens, Bell's top enlisted adviser.

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Center for Lessons Learned to expand

BY JON R. ANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — As daily fighting continues in Iraq, the Army is expanding its ability to capture lessons from the war — both for units preparing to head to the combat zone as well as real-time feedback for those in the middle of the fight.

Lt. Gen. William Wallace, the man who led the ground invasion into Iraq as the V Corps commander, told a at the Army's Land Combat Expo in Heidelberg on Tuesday that he is increasing the Center for Lessons Learned.

New commander of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Wallace told Stars and Stripes he's adding about 30 analysts to the staff and putting a general officer, or civilian equivalent, in charge of the Army's in-house think tank tasked with culling practical tactics, tips and tricks from the battlefield and sharing them with the rest of the service.

"We do a good job of that at the tactical level," said Wallace, "but we need to do more at the operational and strategic level, looking at things like how a corps headquarters turns into a joint task force while still engaging the enemy."

That's exactly what was going on when Wallace turned over the reins of V Corps to Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez in the summer of 2003 after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Meanwhile, Wallace said he's building plans to start sending evaluators from the Army's three main training facilities — the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., and the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Germany — out into the field for on-the-spot feedback to combat units.

For years, the Army has used observer-controllers, or O-Cs, at training centers to serve as part coaches and part evaluators as units rotated through weeks-long combat simulations. The cornerstone of those exercises are periodic "after-action reviews" where O-Cs and troops at all levels dissect what was done right and wrong and ways to improve.

"When you're in the middle of a fight, it's hard to take a few steps back like that," said Wallace. "But that's the way we train, so why can't we apply that culture to the war?"

As far as Wallace is concerned there's no reason not to.

"I think commanders would relish the notion of having some one there to help them get better," he said.

Plus, he added, by rotating O-Cs out into the combat zone "they'll bring more up-to-date view of the battlefield back to the trainers."

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Kitzingen sentenced for molesting teen

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — A Kitzingen-based soldier lost her Army career and will go to prison for 16 years for molesting a teenage girl in her care and prompting an overnight sex party with the girl and two of her friends.

A court-martial panel Tuesday convicted Sgt. Sharon Wolfe, 33, of the 17th Signal Battalion, of one count of forcible sodomy, two counts of sodomy, five counts of indecent acts or liberties, and one count each of impeding an investigation, malingering and making a false official statement.

Besides the prison term and a punitive discharge, the panel of three officers and four senior noncommissioned officers ordered Wolfe to forfeit all pay and be reduced to the lowest enlisted rank.

The girl, now 17, and her baby had come to live with Wolfe's family in August 2003 after the

Soldier gets 16 years for indecent acts involving girl in her care

girl's mother — a 1st Armored Division soldier — deployed to Iraq. Wolfe and the girl's mother had been best friends since meeting at church while stationed together six years ago at Fort Gordon, Ga.

"We were like one big family. We went to amusement parks, we did things together," the girl testified.

"[Wolfe] was like my mom and my aunt, all rolled into one."

On April 3, the girl and two of her friends, ages 15 and 16, held a slumber party at Wolfe's off-base house in Schwarzhach, a village just north of Kitzingen.

Late that evening, the three girls were watching a movie after Wolfe, her husband and two children, and the girl's baby all had gone upstairs to bed.

As they watched the movie, the girls testified, Wolfe came down

and sat on a couch behind them wrapped in a blanket. Two of them said she wore nothing underneath.

According to the girls' testimony, Wolfe dumped a bag of sex toys on the floor.

"She asked us 'How are your girls going to have a slumber party if you don't know how to have fun?'" the 16-year-old testified.

The girls said Wolfe showed them how to use the toys.

Under cross-examination, all three said that Wolfe didn't force them or threaten them, but they felt pressured to join in.

"I was crazed, in a way," the 15-year-old said. "I didn't know if I should do it or not."

Afterward, the girls said Wolfe left and they stayed downstairs, awkwardly avoiding talking about what had happened. But

the next day, they told an adult friend, who called the military police in Kitzingen and arranged for them to talk to investigators.

During questioning, the girl under Wolfe's care said the soldier had touched her sexually several times since 1999, when the girl was 11. But she said she had never told anyone, resisted or confronted Wolfe, because of her fear of Wolfe's harsh discipline.

The investigation also led prosecutors to charge Wolfe with malingering for missing duty for several weeks last winter.

Wolfe's attorneys, Capt. Clint Campion and Capt. Debra Quanbeck, tried to chip away at the girls' credibility.

They pointed out inconsistencies among their testimony and statements to police. They also forced them to admit they had engaged in sexual behavior with one another a month before the slumber party.

The lawyers portrayed Wolfe as an observer to the sex party.

"Sgt. Wolfe was present when several teenagers who were curious about sex began experimenting," Quanbeck said.

"Sgt. Wolfe didn't make anybody do anything."

After her conviction, Wolfe wept as she apologized to the girls and thanked fellow soldiers and church members for standing by her.

She said she had been abused as a child and regretted the actions that have since led to the breakup of her marriage.

"I'm the adult. I should have had sense enough not to let things happen the way they did," she said.

"Right now I'm in counseling, so I won't ever do anything like that to anyone again."

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Work accident sparks fire at Gricignano site

No injuries reported, but facility destroyed

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — A worker at the Gricignano support site commissary and Navy Exchange construction site sparked a large fire Tuesday afternoon, destroying what was to become the building's cold storage facility.

There were no injuries, but the facility received heat and smoke damage on its ground floor, smoke and water damage to its second floor and fire damage to its concrete walls, according to information provided by Naval Support Activity Naples officials.

In an e-mail reply to Stars and Stripes, Naples public affairs officer Lt. Cmdr. Jacquelyn Fisher wrote that she could not give a cost estimate for the damage, stating that the Italian construction company Mirabella will be responsible for its repair.

Navy fire officials reported that a worker using a cutting wheel near flammable insulation accidentally started the fire around 2:15 p.m. Workers attempted to extinguish the fire, but it spread too quickly.

About the same time, a passerby saw smoke coming from the building and reported it to the nearby base fire station, about 100 yards from the complex.

Base firefighters from both the Gricignano and Capodichino stations, and local Italian fire units, responded. Officials also recalled off-duty fire personnel to augment those already at the scene.

Firefighters were able to contain the blaze in a 140-by-80-foot area. Shortly after 4 p.m., firefighters entered the structure and by 4:30 p.m. had extinguished all fires.

Fisher said that a fire inspector from the nearby town of Caserta will investigate the fire because the facility and land are not owned by the Navy, only leased from Mirabella. The investigation is expected to take about a week.

The exchange and commissary facility is part of the Naples Improvement Initiative, a huge construction boom for naval facilities in the area that has been planned since the early 1980s. Construction on housing and support facilities at Gricignano totaled about \$440 million.

Work on support site buildings started in February 1996 and had been expected to be complete by 2001.



Courtesy of American Forces Network Naples

Naval Support Activity Naples firefighters shoot water into the new Navy Exchange and Commissary complex Tuesday afternoon after a worker accidentally started a fire in the facility's cold storage complex. Firefighters from two Navy stations and local Italian units responded to the blaze, which burned for about two hours.

Delays brought on by a work-halt ordered by anti-mafia prosecutors in 1999 and by archaeological digs have pushed the exchange and commissary opening date to May 2005.

Fisher said a decision has not been made on whether the opening date should be pushed back.

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Gunman robs Army bank in Mannheim; base locked down

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

A lone masked gunman robbed an Army bank in Mannheim, Germany, on Wednesday morning, slipping away with an undisclosed amount of money, according to Army officials.

The white male was wearing

an Army physical training uniform and a mask when he brandished a pistol at around 10 a.m. at Coleman Barracks' Community Bank demanding money, Army spokeswoman Christine Gephard said.

"He left the bank on foot," Gephard said.

"It's unknown whether he got

into a vehicle."

No one was hurt in the incident.

Officials responded by shutting down all traffic in and out of the installation, home to the Army's main detention facility for Europe, as well as several logistics units, for about five hours.

"It was a complete lockdown," Gephard said. Although the gates

were reopened, military police and security guards were ordered to search all vehicles entering or leaving.

The local chaplains' office provided counselors for those held up in the heist.

"Obviously the bank employees were pretty shook up," Gephard said.

U.S. and German authorities are investigating.

Anyone with information on the robbery is urged to call the military police at DSN 380-1580 or civilian 0621-730-1580, or the Criminal Investigation Command at DSN 385-3606 or 0621-730-3606.

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Navy: Aviator error cause of jet crash

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — An inexperienced pilot made a series of mistakes that caused his fighter jet to hit a sign, skid across a runway and burst into flames near a terminal at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, according to a Navy report.

The pilot, identified earlier as Lt. Jg. Wesley Baumgartner, bailed out when problems arose as he attempted to take off March 26.

The report, detailed Wednesday in The News & Observer of Raleigh, said the pilot made errors that sent his F/A-18 Hornet drifting off the runway and then tried to lift off, when he could have prevented the crash by aborting the takeoff.

The report said Baumgartner's inexperience and lack of understanding of how to abort a takeoff were the primary factors in the crash. Had he aborted, the Navy concluded, "he could have prevented a total loss of aircraft and had only minor damage and embarrassment."

Baumgartner, 27, remains under medical examination and is no longer flying, Navy spokesman Mike Maus told the newspa-

per. He said federal law forbids the Navy from disclosing whether Baumgartner was punished.

The report said the pilot hit his head on the runway after he ejected and does not recall details of the accident.

"I remember just thinking, if I could just get it airborne, if I could just get it airborne," he told investigators, according to a transcript.

Baumgartner declined to comment Tuesday when reached by phone at his home in Virginia Beach, Va.

He was treated for scrapes and bruises. No one else was injured. The \$40 million jet was destroyed.

The plane was assigned to the Strike Fighter Squadron 15 — also known as VFA-15, or the Valons — and based at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, Va. It was on a training mission and had stopped to refuel at RDU.

Though he was qualified to fly the plane, Baumgartner had relatively few hours in the cockpit, Maus said.

"This particular aviator was like brand new in the aircraft," he said. "He was a young aviator, still gaining experience."



Sgt. Maj. Steven Sabinas, right, talks with Polish Army Capt. Treneusz Jankowski, who served in Iraq, about his experiences in the war at the USAREUR Land Combat Expo in Heidelberg, Germany, on Tuesday. A major focus of the expo this year is the lessons the military has learned from toppling Saddam Hussein's regime and battling insurgents in Iraq.

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Expo: Forces turning focus to lessons learned in Iraq war

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The war in Iraq, now 1½-years-old, has taught the U.S. military many lessons on the fly, Wallace said.

Among them:

■ The ability to fight an enemy that doesn't fight fair, such as by blending in with civilians and using human shields, and hiding personnel and military assets within sensitive sites such as mosques, hospitals and schools, and using public communications to coordinate operations.

■ The need to focus training on combat in a downtown environment such as Baghdad. "How does a battalion or brigade operate in an urban environment?" he asked.

■ Rethink the time spent on teaching gunnery skills. "We haven't run into a tank lately, at least not one with anybody on board," Wallace said.

■ Improve coordination and timing between the

fighters and their suppliers. "It took 3rd Infantry Division 20 days to get repair parts once it got to Baghdad," Wallace said.

In future engagements "we're going to be fighting and flowing at the same time," Wallace said. "Someone has to be in charge of the fighting, and someone has to be in charge of the flowing, but eventually they have to come together."

Wallace praised the adaptability of soldiers who have been serving downrange. Their ability to go from tankers to foot soldiers and back again, for example, has shown the need for military units to be more flexible.

"Non-standard organizations specifically designed for the task at hand will be more frequently seen in the future than in the past," Wallace said.

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Retired U.S. Navy ship workers who were exposed to asbestos during the 1950s, '60s and '70s listen to attorney Mitchell Cohen at Hotel Playa de la Luz in Rota, Spain, on Tuesday. Cohen, a lawyer with the Philadelphia-based Locks Law Firm, is representing about 60 Spanish workers who have asbestosis. Companies contracted by the U.S. Navy to work on the ships in Spain settled with the workers for an undisclosed amount.

U.S. contractors compensate Spanish workers for asbestos

Cold War employees exposed on Navy warships in Rota

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

ROTA, Spain — Three U.S.-based military contractors have agreed to compensate Spanish workers suffering from asbestos-related illnesses due to their work on U.S. warships in Rota during the Cold War.

American lawyer Mitchell Cohen handed out checks ranging from \$2,000 to more than \$6,000 to about a dozen workers on Tuesday at a hotel conference room near Naval Station Rota.

Cohen, who is representing about 60 Spanish workers exposed to asbestos in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, could not give a total amount given to the workers or reveal the names of the companies because of the settlement terms. The companies, which have filed for bankruptcy, agreed to settle with the former employees Saturday.

"These companies did not warn people of the dangers," Cohen said. "And the U.S. Navy didn't prevent the companies from warning people about those dangers."

Those with more serious health injuries received more money. More compensation could be coming to the workers, many of them in their 60s and 70s. Cohen has targeted about two-dozen companies that he believes owe the workers compensation for their illnesses because they knew asbestos was harmful.

Asbestos has been shown to cause cancer and lung damage. Many of the Spanish workers have been diagnosed with asbestosis, a hardening and scarring of the lung tissue that can be fatal.

Some spouses of the workers also suffer from health problems because they washed their husbands' asbestos-covered work clothes. The disease can take 15 to 30 years or more to fully develop.

Cohen is a lawyer with the Philadelphia-based Locks Law Firm, which represents thousands of American and overseas shipyard workers exposed to asbestos while working on U.S. Navy ships. The firm has represented more than 13,000 personal injury victims across the United States since 1974. The firm typically does not target the U.S. military for asbestos-related claims, but instead seeks compensation from private companies.

The Navy did not know for a long period of time the harmful effects of asbestos, but the companies did, Cohen said.

Asbestos was a cheap, fire-retardant insulator used on U.S. Navy ships after World War II up until the 1970s.

Although the Naval Station Rota is a Spanish base, U.S. courts ruled that the claims could be filed in the United States because the employees worked on American ships, which is considered sovereign U.S. territory by law.

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AFN working to fix on-air interruptions

Stars and Stripes

American Forces Network TV viewers have seen on-air problems in the past few weeks, but AFN has solutions, a spokesman said Tuesday.

Since the launch of AFN Family and AFN Movie on Sept. 3, AFN viewers have seen programs cut off by another show without warning, as well as discrepancies between advertised schedules and what was being shown.

"We had some problems with our automation processes," said Larry Sichter, the chief of affiliate relations for the Defense Media Center, the programming source for military radio and television outlets overseas. "There's just bugs we have to work out, [but] we're on top of it. We have solutions."

Soldiers in Darmstadt, Germany, say they've noticed the problems.

Pfc. A.J. Garza, with Company C, 32nd Signal Battalion in Darmstadt, said all AFN disturbances are annoying.

"It bothers me when I'm watching something I like on AFN, especially when I'm watching a movie, and there is some sort of disruption."

But Sgt. Mike Stephens, of the same unit, said it isn't that bad.

"I just assume they're doing some sort of upgrade to the system. I don't get mad," Stephens said. "I know they have so many other programs going on. It doesn't bother me."

"I like that new movie channel," he said. "They play some pretty good stuff."

Sichter could not give a date as to when fixes would be made.

"There's no 'definitely' in the computer world," he said, referring to the system's server-based technology.

Engineers are finding the system is having unexpected difficulty in processing a substantial increase in file management tasks, due to the introduction of new channels.

Sichter said engineers did test the system with its additional workload, and it was "running fine."

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GI acquitted of rape

A court-martial panel in Würzburg, Germany, acquitted a Kitzingen-based soldier Sept. 16 of raping a fellow soldier, according to a spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division's staff judge advocate.

Pfc. Timothy J. Malone, of the 12th Chemical Company, had been accused of raping the woman, a friend, at her off-base home in the village of Kleinlangheim in November 2003, said Maj. Todd Federici, the office's chief of criminal law.

Federici said Malone had been out with some female friends that evening but went to the woman's house to spend the night after he was stranded without a ride.

The woman said she woke up the next morning to find her pants had been pulled down. She testi-

fied in a deposition that she didn't remember what had happened.

Federici said Malone's DNA was found on her jeans but not on her body, making it difficult to prove she had been raped. Now declared innocent, he is preparing to join his unit in Iraq.

The woman has since left the Army.

Preston guests on AFN

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston will be the guest on American Forces Network radio's "Open Line" 9-10 a.m. Thursday.

Preston will discuss Army-related issues, such as quality of life, the war on terrorism and transformation.

Listeners can call in questions or comments at DSN 329-4590 or

civilian 06915-68-8272. Questions can also be e-mailed to openline@afneurope.net.

Livorno reunion

CAMP DARBY, Italy — A group of Americans who attended Livorno high school or elementary school will gather next week at the base.

Dozens of former classmates are expected to arrive from the States for the event, which kicks off Monday with a night of dining and wine-tasting on base. A tour of the school facilities and other activities on base are also planned. Group trips to several surrounding cities are also on tap. For more information, call Mark Michanowicz at DSN 348-854-2505.

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Comrades remember soldier killed in Iraq

BY STEVE LIEWER
Stars and Stripes

If you served in the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, you couldn't escape the sly grin and frequent ranting of Spc. Joshua Justice Henry.

"Josh could always be seen with a smirk on his face, usually thinking of his next wisecrack toward one of his buddies or whoever was in his line of fire," said Lt. Col. Kyle McClelland, the battalion commander.

Dozens of friends gathered Tuesday in a chapel at the unit's home base in Schweinfurt, Germany, to remember the gregarious ex-football lineman, who died Sept. 20 in a firefight in the village of Hani, Iraq.

"Most of us only have a small group that we consider friends," said his buddy, Cpl. Aaron Schofield, in brief remarks read at the service, "but Henry was the one guy who was a friend to everyone."

Henry grew up in Apollo, Pa., a small town near Pittsburgh. He was a center and defensive tackle on his high school's undefeated

football team in 2000, according to the Indiana Gazette, his hometown newspaper, and also excelled at baseball and swimming.

He joined the Army just two weeks before terrorists crashed planes into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in southwest Pennsylvania 70 miles from his home.

After four months of training at Fort Sill, Okla., Henry landed in Schweinfurt with the 1-7 Field Artillery. In 2002, he spent six months with his unit in Kosovo, manning a howitzer and pulling force-protection duty at camps Monieth and Bondestel. He helped his section win Top Gun honors in the battalion.

Since arriving in Iraq last February, Henry had joined more than 200 combat missions as part of Battery A's sniper team. He also served as a gunner in an artillery platoon.

In a tribute read at Tuesday's service, McClelland described him as "a dedicated and highly motivated warrior, an expert marksman, a sniper and one of our absolute best."

On his last mission, Henry and

several others from Battery A formed a patrol to give security at a meeting of the city council in the town of Ash Shargat, about 70 miles west of Kirkuk.

On the way home, McClelland said, the patrol ran into a fierce ambush at Batran. Between 10 and 15 insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades, heavy machine guns, small arms and mortars at the convoy.

Hit first under the arm and then in both legs, McClelland said, Henry kept shooting throughout the 15-minute firefight until his battle buddies pulled him out of the line of fire and arranged for his evacuation. The unit killed at least four enemy fighters.

Henry was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal. His body was returned to the United States, where the Gazette reported he will be buried with military honors.

He is survived by his parents, Larry and Perri Henry, four sisters and two brothers.

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Spc. William Champion kisses the dog tags of Spc. Joshua Justice Henry as he says goodbye to his deceased friend at a memorial service Tuesday in the base chapel at Schweinfurt, Germany.

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North Las Vegas gets land for VA hospital

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The federal government will transfer a \$30 million parcel of land to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a new hospital in southern Nevada to help care for the fastest-growing population of veterans in the nation.

The \$295 million medical center in North Las Vegas will include a 90-bed hospital, a 120-bed nursing home and a benefits office, VA Secretary Anthony Principi announced Monday.

"Site selection puts Nevada veterans an important step closer to 21st century health care at a 21st century facility," Principi said at a news conference.

Nearly 155 acres will be transferred from the Interior Department to the VA. Nevada's congressional leaders plan to introduce legislation to enable the transfer and ensure the VA retains permanent ownership of the land.

Construction of the hospital is expected to begin in 2006, with a proposed completion date of 2009.

According to the 2000 Census, Nevada has the fastest growing veterans population in the nation with more than 238,000 former military personnel living there. The number of veterans increased by 30.8 percent from 1990 to 2000 in Nevada, comprising 16.1 percent of the state's total population in 2000.

Defense blimp hovers over nation's capital

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Here's a head-turner for a security-nervous city: A large white object was spotted in the skies above the nation's capital in the pre-dawn hours Wednesday.

Pentagon police said the Defense Department is testing a security blimp — fully equipped with surveillance cameras. The white blimp was spotted early Wednesday morning hovering at various times over the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol.

The 178-foot-long device, which is expected to remain in the skies until Thursday, is con-

ducting a mission for the Defense Department.

Authorities say the airship is equipped with infrared cameras designed to provide real time images to military commanders on the ground. The equipment on the blimp already is being used to protect troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Army says the device will make at least one 24-hour flight in the District of Columbia area. It has been in the region since last week, and is also being used for test runs over the U.S.

Marine Corps Base in nearby Quantico, Va., and the Chesapeake Bay.

4 U.S. troops wounded by Baghdad blast

British hostage pleads for life on new tape

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Four U.S. soldiers on a patrol were wounded Wednesday by an improvised explosive set by insurgents north of the Iraqi capital, the U.S. command said.

The wounded were evacuated for medical treatment and reported in stable condition, a state-military said.

The attack occurred near Riyadh, where the 1st Infantry Division operates. The statement provided no other details of the attack.

A British hostage pleaded for his government to save his life in a new video aired Wednesday on Arab television after the release of two Italian women and 10 other hostages. In Baghdad, U.S. and Iraqi forces raided suspected insurgent hideouts, sparking clashes along a street in the heart of the capital.

Meanwhile, violence continued unabated. Thirteen people were killed since Tuesday night in drive-by shootings, ambushes and grenade attacks south of the capital and elsewhere.

The freeing of the two Italian aid workers, Simona Torretta and Simona Pari, raised hopes that other hostages might be released and it raised questions over how to deal with kidnappers after an Italian lawmaker said Wednesday he believed the Italian government paid a ransom, possibly of \$1 million. The government denied any ransom was paid.

Hiking up the pressure for Britain to make concessions, a video aired on Al-Jazeera television showed British hostage Kenneth Bigley pleading to Prime Minister Tony Blair to work for his release. The second such video apparently released by his captors.

Tawhid and Jihad, a militant group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has claimed to have beheaded two American hostages who were kidnapped along with Bigley and has threatened to kill the Briton as well as unless Iraqi women prisoners are released.

A day after her and Pari's release, Italian aid worker Torretta told reporters outside her home in Rome that her captors assured them they were not in danger.

The two women, both 29, went for the aid group "Un Ponte per..." ("A Bridge To..."), which carries out water projects and helps Iraqi children. They were kidnapped Sept. 7 in a raid on their agency's Baghdad office.

Four Egyptian telecommunica-



Iraqi National Guard soldiers aim their guns as they participate in a raid at Sheikh Maroof neighborhood Wednesday on Baghdad's Haifa street.

tions workers abducted last week were also freed Monday and Tuesday, their parent company, Orascom, announced in Cairo. Two other Egyptians remain hostage.

Two Iraqis who were seized with the Italians and four Iraqis named by the Egyptians have also been released.

Meanwhile, efforts were also under way to try to secure the release of two French journalists held hostage since late August.

The journalists Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot disappeared Aug. 20, along with their Syrian driver, and their captors — the Islamic Army in Iraq — later demanded France revoke a ban on the wearing of Islamic headscarves in public schools.

In Wednesday's raids in the central Baghdad area of Haifa Street, Iraqi security forces backed by U.S. troops arrested a suspected terrorist, an Iraqi National Guard commander said.

Kadhim al-Dafan is believed to be a key neighborhood leader, responsible for car bombs and other attacks in the area, said Col. Mohammed Abdullah. Five other suspected insurgents were also taken into custody as U.S. and

Iraqi forces clashed with rebels on the street.

There was also a spate of attacks Tuesday night at the southern approaches to Baghdad.

Guns opened fire on two vehicles carrying policemen near Latifiyah, about 15 miles south of the capital, killing seven people inside the cars, said Salah Hamza, a doctor at Iskandariyah General Hospital.

Attackers also threw a hand grenade at a tent housing Shiite pilgrims set up by the side of the road just south of Baghdad, killing two civilians, hospital officials said.

In the town of Mahmoudiyah, the local leader of one of Iraq's main Shiite political parties escaped an assassination attempt in a drive-by shooting, but his driver was killed, a hospital official said. Qadhi Abdel-Allah, the apparent intended target of the attack, heads the town's office of the Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq party.

Three members of the party's armed wing, the Badr Brigade, were killed and two others seriously wounded when their car was hit by grenades and rifle fire in Baquba, north of Baghdad, said police Capt. Hashim Hamdan.

In Baghdad, a U.S. warplane struck a rocket launcher mounted on the back of a vehicle in the Baghdad slum of Sadr city overnight, destroying the vehicle and igniting several secondary explosions, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 1,051 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 798 died as a result of hostile action and 253 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 913 U.S. military members have died — 689 as a result of hostile action and 224 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 7,532 U.S. service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- None reported.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defense:

- Army Capt. Eric L. Allton, 34, Houston; died Sunday when he was struck by a mortar round in Ramadi, Iraq, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea.

- Army Sgt. 1st Class Joselito O. Villanueva, 36, Los Angeles; died Monday when he was shot by a sniper in Balad, Iraq, assigned to 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

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Two get death sentence for Cole attack

Bombing in 2000 killed 17 sailors

BY AHMED AL-HAJ
The Associated Press

SAN'A, Yemen — A Yemeni judge sentenced two men to death and four others to prison terms ranging from five to 10 years Wednesday for orchestrating the 2000 suicide bombing of the USS Cole, an attack blamed on Osama bin Laden's terror network.

Saudi-born Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody at an undisclosed location, and Jamal al-Badawi, a 35-year-old Yemeni, were both sentenced to death for plotting, preparing and involvement in the bombing, which killed 17 U.S. sailors as their destroyer refueled in the southern Yemeni port of Aden.

Al-Nashiri, believed to be the mastermind of the Oct. 12, 2000, bombing, was the only one of the six defendants not in the heavily guarded court to hear the sentences. The other five defendants are all Yemenis.

"This verdict is an American one and unjust," al-Badawi yelled from behind the bars of a courtroom cell after Judge Najib al-Qaderi sentenced him to death. "There are no human rights in



PHOTOS BY THE YEMEN TIMES/AP

Left: Yemeni Jamal al-Badawi on Wednesday was sentenced to death for participating in the Oct. 12, 2000, attack against the American warship USS Cole in San'a, Yemen. Saudi Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody and was not present in court, was also given the death penalty. Right: Yemenis Murad al-Sirouri, left, and Maamoun Msouh, right, were convicted of participating in the attack and received prison sentences.

the world, except for the Americans."

The United States announced al-Nashiri's arrest in 2002. He was detained in the United Arab Emirates and transferred to American custody. U.S. officials believe he is a close associate of Saudi-born bin Laden, who is be-

lieved to have masterminded the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

In addition to the Cole attack, al-Nashiri is suspected of helping direct the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

U.S. Embassy officials in Yemen could not be reached for comment on how the ruling

would affect al-Nashiri's detention. Four American officials attended the sentencing but refused to comment.

The six men were all charged with belonging to al-Qaida and playing various roles in the attack on the Cole, which was carried out by suicide bombers Ibrahim

al-Thawri and Hassan al-Khamri, who went by the alias of Abdullah al-Misawa. The two Yemenis rammed an explosives-laden boat into the destroyer.

Al-Qaderi sentenced Fahd al-Qasbi to 10 years in jail for filming the bombing, which left a gaping hole in the side of the destroyer. The Cole was later repaired and returned to service.

The court heard evidence that al-Qasbi had traveled to Afghanistan in 1997 to train at an al-Qaida terrorist camp, but it was unclear how long he spent there before returning to Yemen, a tribal-dominated country located at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula.

Maamoun Msouh received an eight-year prison term for delivering money used in preparing and executing the attack and playing a close role in assisting al-Badawi.

Ali Mohamed Saleh and Murad al-Sirouri were both sentenced to five years in prison for forging identification documents for al-Khamri.

All the men sentenced on Wednesday are expected to appeal their sentences within 15 days, according to al-Badawi's brother.

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Blair denies Iraq war built on false premises

BY ED JOHNSON
The Associated Press

BRIGHTON, England — Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday denied leading Britain into war on false grounds, despite intelligence on the threat posed by Iraq being wrong.

In his speech to his Labour Party's annual conference Tuesday, Blair acknowledged that intelligence suggesting Saddam Hussein had stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons was unsound.

However, in an interview Wednesday with the British Broadcasting Corp., Blair said

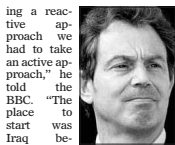
But British prime minister says he thinks 'basis' of war is sound

he did not think the "basis upon which we went to war was wrong."

"We took the action as a result of Saddam's failure to comply with U.N. resolutions, and that non-compliance still stands," he said.

Blair said that, after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, he believed the world had to take the threat posed by rogue regimes proactively.

"We had to take a totally new approach, and what that meant is that, in respect of regimes developing WMD, instead of tak-



Blair

ing a reactive approach we had to take an active approach," he told the BBC. "The place to start was Iraq because there was a string of U.N. resolutions, a long history of U.N. inspections not working."

With national elections widely expected in May, the five-day party conference was intended as a springboard for new policies and a chance to reunite the party to fight for a third term in office.

In his speech Tuesday, Blair came closer than ever before to apologizing for the misleading prewar intelligence about Iraq.

"I can apologize for the information that turned out to be wrong, but I can't, sincerely at least, apologize for removing Saddam," he said.

But the apology did not go as far as some had anticipated.

Briefing evening newspapers whose deadline fell before Tuesday's speech, Blair aides said the prime minister would say: "I know this issue has divided the country, I am genuinely sorry about that, and I understand why many disagree."

But in his address Blair did not use the phrase "I am genuinely sorry," prompting consternation among some newspapers. The Guardian said "frantic last-minute rewriting" had watered down the speech.

Labour lawmaker Jeremy Corbyn, a vocal critic of the war, said Wednesday that Blair had issued a "halfhearted apology."

"The buzz around the confer-

ence this morning is that it was not enough," he said. "Tony Blair has got an awful lot more apologizing to do."

Also Wednesday, some 250 anti-war protesters rallied outside the conference center, bearing placards reading "Blair."

Among the marchers was an 11-year-old Iraqi girl, Zeynab Hamid Tareesh, who said she lost her right leg and 17 family members in bombing at the start of the war near Basra.

"If Tony Blair was in front of me now, I would tell him to get out of Iraq," she said, speaking through a translator.

"Tony Blair and his government should get out of Iraq like Saddam Hussein and his sons. They say the war is over, but there are still explosions, and ... it is much more dangerous," said Tareesh, who is in Britain learning how to use her prosthetic leg.

Lindh wants to get sentence reduced

BY DAVID KRAVETS
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The attorney for American-born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh wants his client's 20-year prison sentence commuted, citing the nation's heightened anxiety when the plea deal was made in 2002 and the fact that another U.S. citizen captured on an Afghanistan battlefield may soon be released.

James Bronsnan, Lindh's lawyer, made the request Monday and argued that Lindh was fighting alongside the Taliban in a civil war between the Northern Alliance, that he is not a terrorist and that he never fought against U.S. troops.

Bronsnan said he negotiated the 20-year sentence during a time when a "highest state of fear" was affecting U.S. juries and he thought it was the best deal he could get at the time. Lindh could have received life in prison if convicted.

Bronsnan also said the sentence should be reduced because Yaser Esam Hamudi, another American citizen captured in Afghanistan on suspicion of aiding the Taliban, is being released after being held for three years as an enemy combatant.

Hamdi will not be charged with

any crime under an agreement with federal officials made public Monday.

Hamdi will be required to give up his U.S. citizenship and will be sent to Saudi Arabia, where he grew up.

"Comparable conduct should be treated in comparable ways in terms of sentencing," Bronsnan said at a news conference. Only President Bush can commute Lindh's sentence.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo, while not commenting directly on the merits of Lindh's request, pointed out that Lindh "pleaded guilty to supporting the Taliban with his lawyers standing beside him."

"The Taliban was a brutal regime that harbored and assisted al-Qaida," Corallo said. "It should be pointed out we are currently engaged in a global war on terrorism against al-Qaida and remnants of the Taliban."

Lindh's request does not specify how much of a reduction he is seeking.

Lindh, a 23-year-old Northern California native, pleaded guilty in civilian court to supplying services to the now-defunct Taliban government and carrying explosives for them. He and Hamdi were both captured in late 2001.

Frank Zimmer, an expert on clemency at the University of California at Berkeley, said it is unlikely President George W. Bush will reduce Lindh's term, especially during a presidential election focused on the war on terror.

In all, the president has commuted the terms of two prisoners, both on May 20.

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SpaceShipOne, attached to White Knight, taxis out as the Mojave Aerospace Ventures Team attempts to win the Ansari X Prize in Mojave, Calif., on Wednesday.

Private rocket blasts off on quest for \$10 million

Feat must be repeated within 2 weeks to get money

BY JOHN ANTCAZAK
The Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — A private manned rocket soared into space for a second time Wednesday, landing successfully after an unexpectedly bumpy ride that nearly meant an early end to the team's bid to earn a \$10 million prize.

SpaceShipOne, with astronaut Michael Melvill at the controls, dropped away from its mother ship above Mojave Airport, fired its rocket and pulled into a vertical climb.

During its 81-minute flight, the ship climbed to an unofficial altitude of more than 330,000 feet — about 2,000 feet above its target altitude of 62 miles.

"Now that was fun," Melvill said after the ship completed its gliding descent and landed safely at Mojave Airport. "I thought I really nailed it." But the craft made more than two dozen unexpected rolls during its ascent, corkscrewing upward.

SpaceShipOne designer Burt Rutan said controllers had asked Melvill to shut the engine down early because of the rolling problem, but Melvill kept going until he was certain he would reach the target altitude.

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"He stayed in there just for a handful of seconds more."

SpaceShipOne is trying for the \$10 million X Prize, offered to whoever makes two flights 62 miles high, an altitude generally accepted as being in space, in two weeks or less.

Melvill also was the pilot in June, when the ship made its first trip into space ever by a private spacecraft. To win the X Prize, the plane still needs to make a second successful flight within the two-week time frame.

Before Wednesday's takeoff, SpaceShipOne's creators had ambitiously set the second flight for next

Monday — well before the 14-day deadline. Rutan said the roll problem would be studied and the determination made about delaying the second flight.

Melvill said he may have caused the rolling himself.

"You're extremely busy at that point," he said. "Your feet and your hands and your eyes and everything is working about as fast as you can work them, and probably I stepped on something too quickly and caused the roll. But it's nice to do a roll at the top of the climb."

The specially designed jet with the spaceship under its belly had taken off at 7:12 a.m. from the airport in the desert north of Los Angeles and began its climb.

A crowd of VIPs watched from below the airport control tower, while journalists watched from bleachers along the runway.

Spectators, some wrapped in blankets to ward off the early morning chills, erupted in cheers as the spacecraft and its chase planes taxied down the runway.

Among those watching Wednesday's launch was Adam Smith, 14, of Vienna, Va., who said he had an interest in space "as far back as I can remember."

Rutan, the maverick aerospace designer, secretly developed SpaceShipOne with more than \$20 million from Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen and is well ahead of two dozen teams building other X Prize contenders around the world.

The Ansari X Prize was modeled after the \$25,000 prize that Charles Lindbergh won in his Spirit of St. Louis for the first solo New York-to-Paris flight across the Atlantic in 1927.

The St. Louis-based X Prize Foundation, noting the rapid development of air travel after Lindbergh's feat, hopes to inspire an era of space tourism in which spaceflight is not just the domain of agencies such as NASA.

SpaceShipOne was required to fly with a pilot and the equivalent weight of two passengers aboard, in accordance with rules requiring X Prize contenders to be capable of carrying three people.

Effects of Jeanne still soaking states along East Coast

BY JILL BARTON
The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — In storm-battered Florida, more than 3,900 people were staying in shelters Wednesday while nearly 1.3 million homes and businesses were without power. In another sign of the toll of four hurricanes, at least one as-yet unidentified insurance company was seeking state help because it was overwhelmed by claims.

The storm's remnants also were destructive, dumping torrential rain and spawning tornadoes. In Virginia, a 51-year-old woman was swept from her mobile home and drowned after more than a foot of rain fell and turned roads into rivers.

In western Maryland, nearly a half-foot of rain fell Tuesday.

Emergency workers rescued several people from vehicles stranded by high water, and turned around a loaded Frederick County school bus trapped by an eroding roadway.

Jeanne also dumped more than 6 inches of rain in the Philadelphia area, where a woman died after floodwaters swept her from a bus stop Tuesday. And about 400 people were evacuated from a commuter train after floodwaters appeared to be undermining the ground beneath the tracks.



A fire hydrant shows the depth of the sand in a parking lot on Hutchinson Island, Fla., on Tuesday.

In Cherry Hill, N.J., 11 buildings and several cars were damaged Tuesday by a tornado that left a two-mile swath of damage. And in Delaware, the National Weather Service confirmed another tornado Tuesday night in New Castle County, which ripped roofs off businesses and lifted a car off a highway. No serious injuries were reported.

The storm's remnants were moving over the Atlantic Ocean on Wednesday morning.

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Martha Stewart

Stewart to serve time in W. Va. prison

Known as 'Camp Cupcake,' facility features tennis, dormitory-style rooms

BY ERIN MCCLAM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Celebrity home-maker Martha Stewart has been ordered to serve her sentence for lying about a stock sale at a federal prison in West Virginia known as "Camp Cupcake."

Stewart had asked to serve her five-month sentence in Danbury,

Conn., close to her 90-year-old mother and her home in Westport, or as a second choice in Coleman, Fla. But the federal Bureau of Prisons instead chose Alderson, W. Va., a minimum-security women's prison that houses about 1,000 inmates.

Stewart issued a statement Wednesday confirming the prison selection. She repeated that

she had hoped to be designated to a "facility closer to my family and more accessible to my appellate attorneys." But she said she was pleased she was assigned so quickly to Alderson, and noted it was the first federal prison camp for women in the United States.

"I look forward to getting this behind me and to vigorously pursuing my appeal," she said.

A federal judge has ordered Stewart to report to prison by Oct. 8.

The Alderson camp was chosen largely because of its remote location, the source told AP. There was concern that the Connecticut and Florida prisons were too accessible to the media, the source said.

Those prisons also had more serious overcrowding issues, the source said. The Coleman prison, for example, is crowded with inmates moved from other Florida prisons because of the recent hurricanes.

A spokeswoman for Stewart did not immediately return a call for comment, and Dan Dunne, a spokesman for the Bureau of Prisons, declined to comment on the decision.

Stewart, 63, and former stockbroker Peter Bacanovic were convicted in March of lying to federal investigators about why Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems Inc. stock in December 2001.

They received the same sentence — five months in prison, plus five months of house arrest.

Both were allowed to remain free while they appealed, but Stewart announced plans this month to begin serving her time anyway in order to "reclaim my good life." Her appeal remains alive.

The West Virginia prison opened in 1927 as the first federal prison for women. Located about 270 miles southwest of Washington, D.C., in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, it is known for its open environment. There are no metal fences surrounding the camp.

Like all other inmates, Stewart would be expected to work most of each day.

The primary jobs there are grounds maintenance, sanitation and food services. She can earn between 2 cents and 40 cents an hour at these jobs, which begin shortly after a daily 6 a.m. wake-up call, Dunne said.

Inmates at Alderson sleep in bunk beds in one of nine large dormitory-style rooms that house between 26 and 90 inmates per room. There are no individual cells. Lights out is about 8:45 p.m. on weekdays, a bit later on weekends, Dunne said.

Free time can be spent playing volleyball, softball or tennis, or doing aerobics.

Its best-known inmates include Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a member of the Manson family who tried to shoot President Ford, and Sara Jane Moore, who also tried to kill Ford.

Shares in Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., Stewart's multimedia empire, were down 20 cents at \$15.56 in midday trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Curt Anderson of The Associated Press contributed to this report in Washington.



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California earthquake to provide important data

BY MATTHEW FORDAHL

The Associated Press

PARKFIELD, Calif. — A strong earthquake that shook central California without causing any significant damage or injuries could be a boon to researchers who hope intense scrutiny of the state's earthquake capital may help predict future tremors.

The magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, seven miles southeast of Parkfield and 21 miles northeast of Paso Robles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. A major quake in the same area killed two people last year.

The area of the San Andreas fault where the quake struck is a seismic hot spot that has produced similar tremors every two or three decades and is among the most-monitored quake sites in the world.

"It's going to be a lot of data that we can look at," said Andy Snyder of the U.S. Geological Survey. "It ensures a good payoff for all the work that's been done by the USGS, all the university groups and foreign research institutes that have set up experiments here."

Dozens of sensors — seismometers, strainmeters, creepmeters —



Liza Fierro, holding her son, Diego, inspects her bedroom where a dresser was knocked over and some pictures fell off the wall as a result of the 6.0-magnitude earthquake Tuesday, near Parkfield, Calif.

dot the remote, sparsely populated region. Drilling is underway there to go 1.4 miles down into the bowels of the 800-mile-long fault that forms the boundary between immense geological plates that grind and produce ground movement.

"This will probably be the most well-recorded earthquake in history," said Mike Blanpied, associate coordinator with the U.S. Geological Survey's earthquake hazards program in Reston, Va.

More than 160 aftershocks followed in quick succession, one with a preliminary 5.0 magnitude and four others at 4.1 or above. Scientists put the chance of another similar or larger quake striking in the same area this week at 5 percent to 10 percent, said USGS geophysicist Andrew Michael.

Lava dome growing at Mount St. Helens

BY PEGGY ANDERSEN

The Associated Press

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. — The lava dome in the crater of Mount St. Helens apparently is growing and moving slightly northward, a top volcano scientist said Wednesday.

"There seems to be some movement in the lava dome," Jeff Wynn, chief scientist at the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascade Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash.

"There seems to be some movement in the lava dome."

Jeff Wynn

U.S. Geological Survey

The pressure could come either from a buildup of gases within the 8,364-foot mountain, which erupted with devastating force 24 years ago, or from molten rock moving into the dome, Wynn said.

Seth Moran, a seismologist at the observatory, estimated the initial movement at four centimeters, about an inch and a half.

Wynn said the movement "sort of suggests that we're getting closer" to an eruption that



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could hurl rocks and ash a few thousand feet into the air.

He emphasized that the estimates were highly preliminary and inexact because there is only one measuring device on the dome, estimating scientists will need about 48 hours to interpret the data more clearly.

Scientists were keeping a close eye on the 925-foot-tall dome of hardened lava that has grown inside the crater since the May 18, 1980, eruption that blew the top off the mountain.

Swarms of tiny earthquakes — more than 1,000 since the mountain began stirring on Thursday — have gradually increased, cranking up to a level not seen since 1986, when the volcano's last dome-building eruption occurred.

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Team searching for missing H-bomb in Ga.

Bomb mistakenly dropped from jet during training crash 46 years ago

BY RUSS BYNUM
The Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Spurred by what appear to be unusual radiation readings offshore, the U.S. government is sending a team of 20 scientists to try to find a hydrogen bomb lost off the Georgia coast in 1958.

Scientists from the Pentagon and the National Labs met on Wednesday with Derek Duke, a retired Air Force lieutenant colo-

nel who has searched for the missing 7,600-pound nuke over the past five years.

Duke has detected what he believes are unusual radiation readings in Wassaw Sound near Tybee Island.

A B-47 bomber dumped the H-bomb into the Atlantic Ocean 46 years ago after the plane collided with a fighter jet during a training flight. Navy divers searched the shallow, murky waters near Tybee Island for nearly 10 weeks

before declaring the bomb irretrievably lost.

The bomb became one of 11 "Broken Arrows" — nuclear bombs lost during air or sea mishaps, according to U.S. military records.

The Air Force contends there is no danger of a nuclear blast from the bomb off the Georgia coast, because it did not contain the plutonium capsule needed to trigger one.

Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Smolins-

ky said the government scientists were meeting with Duke to go over the data.

On Thursday, the team "will go to Wassaw Sound where Mr. Duke believes he knows where the bomb is located," Smolinsky said.

"They will take radiation readings and samples back to the National Labs ... and see if they can confirm or not confirm the possible presence of the bomb in that location."

After being approached by Duke more than three years ago, Air Force officials decided not to renew the search for the bomb. The Air Force argued that the bomb, believed buried in 10 to 15 feet of mud, would pose a greater threat if disturbed. It contains uranium and 400 pounds of conventional explosives.

But Duke continued his search and recently said he believes he has found the weapon. That prompted the Air Force to take a second look.

Court mixes restrictions on right to father kids

BY ANDREW
WELSH-HUGGINS
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Supreme Court on Wednesday overturned a judge's order that a man avoid having more children while on probation for failing to pay child support.

The court ruled 5-2 in favor of Sean Talty, saying his sentence was too broad because it did not include a method for lifting the ban if Talty caught up with his child-support payments.

Talty, 32, has seven children by five women. He was required to make "reasonable" efforts to avoid conception during his five-year probation after being convicted of not supporting three of the children.

Providing a procedure for lifting the ban "would have been, at the very least, an easy alternative that would have better accommodated Talty's procreation rights," Chief Justice Thomas Moyer wrote for the court's majority.

Medina County Common Pleas Judge James L. Kimbler issued the order, which was later upheld by an appellate court in Akron. The case now returns to Kimbler for resentencing.

Justices Paul Pfeiffer and Evelyn Lundberg Stratter dissented.

"Given Talty's propensity to sire children, the antiprocurement condition must also be considered in the nature of punishment," Pfeiffer wrote.

Talty pleaded no contest in 2002 to failing to pay \$38,000 in child support for three of his children.

Since then, he has paid the court-ordered \$150 weekly in back child support and avoided fathering more children, his attorney, J. Dean Carro, has said.

At a hearing before the high court in May, prosecutors and Talty's attorney agreed that reproduction was a right protected by the U.S. Constitution.

But the state Supreme Court was asked to decide whether that right may be curtailed for someone on probation or parole — the same way parolees may be ordered to provide urine samples for drug testing.

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Iraq illustrates candidates' differences

By ROBIN WRIGHT

The Washington Post

Iraq, the issue most likely to ignite fire in Thursday's campaign debate, has become the chief symbol of differences between presidential candidates President Bush and Sen. John Kerry.

Bush cites Kerry's positions on Iraq to portray him as an indecisive flip-flopper on strategic issues. Kerry says Iraq demonstrates Bush's arrogant misjudgment of U.S. power.

Iraq also best illustrates their disparate worldviews. Bush advocates pre-emptive strikes — leading alone in the defense of U.N. allies if necessary — to prevent potential future threats.

Kerry gives preference to international diplomacy and collaboration — and burdens sharing of physical and financial resources — in a globalizing world. Yet for all their squabbling on the campaign stump, both presidential candidates share a common commitment to Iraq — and have many of the same long-term goals. They've both pledged to keep U.S. troops in Iraq for years, acknowledging a modicum of stability is a prerequisite for leaving. They've both identified rebuilding the Iraqi army as the key to an eventual exit strategy. And they both accept U.S. responsibility in helping reconstruct the strag-

gled oil-rich country.

"The differences are less than meets the eye, and there's not much difference on how to handle day-to-day combat," said Geoffrey Kemp, Reagan administration national security council staffer now at the Nixon Center. "It doesn't matter who is president, they face the same short-term crisis to secure Iraq so elections can be held." The main difference, he said, lay on at least six key questions: how they would achieve those goals and where Iraq fits into broader U.S. foreign policy. The most fundamental difference, which in turn shapes all other aspects of their policies, is the context of the Iraq war.

Bush says U.S. intervention was justified as part of the wider war against terrorism, an essential part of the reaction to the al-Qaida attacks Sept. 11, 2001.

"My message is that we will stay the course and stand with these people so that they become free. It's in our national interest we do so. I believe this is a central part in the war on terror," Bush said in his joint news conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi last week. "I believe that when we succeed in Iraq, that America will be more secure."

Kerry, in stark contrast, says the war has undermined U.S. strategic goals and safety.

On the issues



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President Bush



"Even with his successes, ESA has been undermined by a flood of litigation, preventing the Fish and Wildlife Service from protecting new species and recovering plants and animals already listed as threatened or endangered. That is why my administration is providing federal grants on a competitive

basis to individuals and groups engaged in voluntary conservation efforts on private lands that benefit imperiled species. With the help of more than \$40 billion for wetlands and conservation programs, we are providing thousands of acres of new habitat for species and wildlife. I will continue working with Congress to build on these efforts."

Sen. John Kerry



"Instead of tearing down the law, I will improve it with a national commission to examine its implementation and ways to improve it. I will increase funding to pro-

tect habitat and work with landowners. And a Kerry-Edwards administration will encourage cooperative efforts to resolve conflicts between development and endangered species conservation."

AP



Bush



Kerry

First Bush-Kerry debate on AFN

The first of three debates between President Bush and Democratic candidate Sen. John Kerry will be broadcast live Friday on American Forces Network radio and television. The debate, from the University of Miami, will be begin at 3 a.m. Friday Central European Time on the AFN-Prime TV channel and on Power Network radio.

AFN will re-air the debate on the News TV channel at 7 p.m. Friday.

From staff reports

"Iraq has not strengthened our national security. It has weakened it," Kerry said last week. The candidates differ slightly

on timing. Bush has made an open-ended commitment to Iraq, while Kerry calls for U.S. troops to be departed within four years.

Campaigns set debate parameters

By MARY DALRYMPLE

The Associated Press

SPRING GREEN, Wis. — There is a lot of fine print in the document spelling out rules for the debates between President Bush and Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry.

When the first of the three debates starts Thursday, the candidates will wait for a cue from the moderator and then "proceed to center stage, shake hands and proceed directly to their positions behind their podiums."

Those lecterns may be set 10 feet apart and equally centered toward center stage, measuring 50 inches tall from the audience's view and 48 inches tall to the writing surface on the candidates' side.

Each side hopes the rules give them a slight advantage and their opponent a disadvantage.

For example, could the wide distance between podiums obscure the 5-inch height difference between the 6-foot-4 Democrat and the 5-foot-11 Republican? The Bush campaign's communications director, Nicole Devinis, said the president's team negotiates for rules that would make it clear if Kerry was breaking the rules, like time limits im-

posed on the candidates' answers reinforced with timing lights visible to the debate audience and television viewers.

The aim is to create an even playing field for the president who has far less experience debating, than his opponent who is essentially a career debater, she said. "The other objective was to curtail grandstanding and filibustering, something many great debaters rely upon."

That comment has something to do with another pre-debate tactic — lowering expectations for your candidate so his performance will seem better. In fact, a survey found a majority of people expect Bush to win the debates. Kerry officials said they fretted little about details but insisted the candidates hold a town hall-style forum. They think Kerry will hold the advantage when the two candidates take questions from undecided voters at the second debate on Oct. 8.

"I think what's most significant about the debates is, for the first time in four years, George Bush is going to have to answer questions about his record," said Kerry spokesman David Wade.

"For the first time, he'll have to get by with more than a wink, a smile and a swag."



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Shark makes home in Mass. inlet

BY JONATHAN FINER

The Washington Post

NAUSHON ISLAND, Mass. — Too large for its surroundings, like a barracuda in a bathtub, the massive fish crisscrossed a narrow inlet here Tuesday, its tell-tale dorsal fin leaving a jagged wake on the still water.

Almost 30 years after the movie "Jaws" — filmed a few miles to the south on Martha's Vineyard — left a generation of beachgoers wondering whether it was safe to go back in the water, the 14-foot, 2,000-pound great white shark was spotted here a week ago.

It has since stirred up a ruckus by patrolling the shallow, pond-size shoal sometimes within feet of the shore, leaving scientists puzzled as to why it came and when it will return to the open sea.

Word of the creature's arrival spread across New England from Woods Hole, a small town on Cape Cod's southwestern coast that is home to a renowned oceanographic institute and just a 10-minute boat ride from the animal's temporary home.



JOHN CHISOLM, MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES/AP

A 14-foot great white shark swims Saturday in shallow waters off Cape Cod near Falmouth, Mass. The shark was first spotted a week ago, and officials hope it can return to open water on its own.

"It was just spectacular," said Johanna Flacks, 34, a lawyer and self-proclaimed amateur shark enthusiast. "My adrenaline is still going. I don't want to leave the dock."

Marine experts here said that while they initially shared the public's enthusiasm, they are now hoping — for the shark's well-being and the safety of local residents — that it goes away soon.

Last week, a state biologist attached a tracking device to the fish, which will help scientists better understand its migration patterns.

At first boaters were allowed uninhibited into the inlet, but harbor police now permit people to watch the fish only from behind a 10-foot-wide sandbar.

"You had them going out there in little rubber boats, or kayaks,

which is probably not a good idea," said Dan McKiernan, deputy director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. "It's been pretty calm so far, but it's still a great white. And all the boats around could be harmful to the shark."

On Tuesday, marine biologists filmed the shark's movements with an underwater camera as it circled the channel, occasionally arching its massive frame up out of the water, while a handful of gapping spectators looked on.

McKiernan theorizes that the newly arrived shark chased one of the plentiful local schools of striped bass or bluefish, or even a seal, into the inlet and is now discouraged from leaving because fish are in ready supply.

Because the water here is too cold for the shark to live year-round, scientists are considering how to coax it away if it does not leave.

Residents said they hope it sticks around for a while.

Mike Ryan, who owns a charter fishing and tour boat company, estimated that he has shuttled more than 300 people out to see the great white since Friday. He charges \$100 per journey.

"It has been quite a windfall for us," he said.

Ambassadors' panel

WASHINGTON — U.S. ambassadors should spend at least 25 percent of their time explaining American foreign policy to local audiences, a panel commissioned by the Bush administration recommends.

In a report issued Tuesday, the panel said ambassadors do not spend enough time promoting American values and culture. Many foreign service officers lack language skills, the panel found.

Ambassadors should enlist a "network of individuals interested in communicating positive concepts" to help influence public opinion abroad, the report said.

Speediest computer

NEW YORK — IBM Corp. claimed unofficial bragging rights Tuesday as owner of the world's fastest supercomputer.

For three years running, the fastest supercomputer has been NEC's Earth Simulator in Japan.

Earth Simulator can sustain speeds of 35.86 teraflops.

IBM said its still-unfinished BlueGene/L System, named for its ability to model the folding of human proteins, can sustain speeds of 36 teraflops. A teraflop is 1 trillion calculations per second.

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IN THE WORLD

Tropical storm blows Japan away



A Japanese woman hangs on to a tree as she battles strong wind and rain in Kila-Kyushu, southern Japan, on Wednesday. A powerful tropical storm soaked southern Japan, disrupting transportation and whipping up waves and winds that damaged homes, downed electricity lines and forced thousands to evacuate to shelters.

Defense of suicide bombings debated

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — A leader of one of Norway's most respected Islamic groups defended the use of suicide bombings in certain cases, stirring a debate Wednesday in a country that sees itself as a beacon of peace and nonviolence.

Reaction was so strong that the foreign minister took the rare step of condemning the statement.

On the discussion boards of the Islamic Association of Norway's Web site, a reader asked whether Islam permitted suicide attacks. The answer — that it sometimes does — sparked concern and incredulity.

In his reply, Basim Ghazlan, one of the association's leaders, said that suicide is generally forbidden by Islam, but he added that if it is done during war, and it is the only option, then it could be done.

He also wrote that suicide attacks should not harm innocent bystanders, singling out the deaths in Iraq of civilians there.

But it was his tacit endorsement of the suicide bombings waged by Palestinians against Israeli settlers and soldiers that drew harsh condemnation. Norway, the home of the Nobel Peace Prize, was a key player in trying to bring peace to that region.

When reached by telephone, Ghazlan said he stood by his remarks, but added that the reaction was strong because, in part, his remarks were misinterpreted. Norway's small Muslim community — less than 1 percent of the country's 4.6 million residents — moved to distance itself from the remarks.

Foreign Minister Jan Petersen deplored Ghazlan's statement, which he said "portrays suicide bombings as a legitimate means of dealing with the Israeli-Palestinian issue."

Seven killed in Afghanistan gunbattle

KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban militants crept up to an Afghan government office under cover of darkness early Wednesday and launched a gunbattle that left four attackers and three Afghan troops dead, police said.

Elsewhere, an explosion killed a motorcyclist in what an Afghan commander suggested was a botched suicide attack, and U.S. troops skirmished with insurgents near the Pakistani border.

The violence comes in the run-up to Afghanistan's Oct. 9 presidential election, which insurgents are trying to derail.

Two Abu Sayyaf leaders escape

MANILA, Philippines — Two Abu Sayyaf leaders wanted by Washington escaped from a series of assaults by U.S.-trained forces in clashes that killed a Philippine marine and wounded an undetermined number of rebels in the south, officials said Wednesday.

Rudul Salim, his son Amin, and dozens of followers eluded military forces who assaulted their encampments in the mountainous jungles of Patikul from Friday to late Monday, army Brig. Gen. Agusta Demala said.

One marine was killed and seven others injured, said Demala, who helped supervise the operations on Jolo island.

From The Associated Press

Russia considers plans to create terrorism warnings

BY MARA D. BELLAMY

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia is considering plans to institute a terrorism warning system and teach the public to respond more effectively to terror threats, Russia's security chief said Wednesday.

Igor Ivanov, the secretary of presidential Security Council, said that a threat alert system — similar to the U.S. color-coded warnings — was being considered by officials in the wake of a recent series of terror attacks including the school seizure in Beslan which together killed more than 430 people.

Russian officials have said the recent attacks — which Chechen rebel warlord Shamil Basayev claimed credit for — are linked to international terrorism and Mos-



Ivanov

cow's response has in some cases echoed Washington's after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"As far as the degrees of threat, yes that task has been put forward,"

Ivanov said at a news conference, adding that the goal was to devise a system that combined "the characteristics of the levels of threat which might arise and the corresponding response."

The U.S. system — which has five colors ranging from green for a low risk of terrorist attack to

red for a severe risk — has been criticized by security experts for being too vague.

Ivanov said Russian officials were still working out how such a system would be conveyed to the public. "Maybe by color, maybe by number, maybe something else," he said.

Another measure under consideration is a plan to teach civilians how to respond better to terrorism.

Moscow's response to the terror attacks has ranged from President Vladimir Putin's call to overhaul the electoral system to give the Kremlin more control to a rash of new bills now being considered by parliament, which include tightening controls on foreigners, toughening up the criminal code and giving security organs broader power.

Libya pays delayed first installment

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Libya has paid the first installment of \$35 million after a three-week delay that raised questions over a planned visit to Tripoli by German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, a lawyer who was involved in the deal said Wednesday.

Libya has assured the parties involved that on Tuesday it put through the transfer of the \$15 million which was supposed to have been made Sept. 8, attorney Ulrich von Jeinsen said.

The payment came after von Jeinsen protested about the delay to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's son Seif el-Islam, whose foundation negotiated the deal with German lawyers.

"The Gadhafi Foundation had to deal with significant bureaucratic obstacles and unexpected technical problems at the state bank," von Jeinsen said in a statement. Further payments of \$15 million and \$5 million will be made Dec. 1 and March 1.

Lawyers are seeking separate compensation in U.S. courts for American victims of the bombing.



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Haitian gangs hamper Jeanne relief efforts

BY PAISLEY DODDS

The Associated Press

GONAIVES, Haiti — Victims who survived Jeanne but lost relatives, homes and belongings now are tormented by street gangs who attack food convoys and distribution points, raid homes at night and shoot those who get in their way.

The failure of Haiti's U.S.-backed government to disarm the gangs that helped out President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has created a climate of insecurity that further jeopardizes lives in the calamity Jeanne visited on Gonaives when it was still a tropical storm.

"There's a big problem with gangs," said John Harrison, the security chief of the U.N. stabilization mission in Haiti.

On Tuesday, he was looking for safe food distribution points and stopped at the port, where he found armed men.

"I think things could get worse," he said.

While planeloads of relief aid have arrived from around the world, getting it to the people who need it has become a challenge.

The entrance to the city has been a flashpoint for looters — a government convoy was held up Saturday by men armed with guns and machetes — but was being secured Tuesday by Uruguayan troops in the U.N. peace-keeping force.

Interior Minister Herard Abraham, a retired Haitian army general, said the Uruguayans needed time to settle in and that in a few days "Security will improve."



People wait in line Tuesday at a water distribution point in Gonaives, Haiti. Officials say they are struggling as local gangs loot relief centers and attack residents already devastated by Hurricane Jeanne.

The United Nations rushed 150 more troops to Gonaives at the weekend to reinforce some 600 peacekeepers already in the city.

Brazilian Gen. Augusto Heleno Ribeiro Pereira, in charge of the U.N. force, said Monday he has only 3,000 of the 6,700 troops he needs and could use more help from Haiti's police force.

On Tuesday, police officers from Haiti's demoralized and ill-equipped force drove by a

water truck that was being looted — people had swarmed on to the moving vehicle and were chucking out bottles of water to a gleeful crowd that followed. The officers came from the opposite direction — and kept driving.

"We believe the looting are planned by gangs," Agriculture Minister Philippe Mathieu told a news conference in Port-au-Prince, the capital to the south. "They organize people

jumping on trucks."

Police Commissioner Abner Vilme confirmed street gangs were breaking into people's homes in the blacked-out city at night. He said his men — down to about 15 since the storm — had tried to negotiate with the gangs, but that they did not keep promises to behave.

Dr. Jean-Claude Kompass, a New York physician who rushed last to volunteer his services last

week, said he has treated 30 people for gunshot wounds received in fights over scarce food.

Rescuers have recovered 1,554 bodies and 904 are missing since the storm passed 11 days ago. Many of the missing must be presumed dead — washed out to sea or buried in debris.

The toll must rise, officials say, as rescuers reach inaccessible areas.

Some are in the city of Gonaives, a city of 250,000 still caked in the storm's mud where 200,000 are homeless, thousands are living on sidewalks and roofs of flooded homes and the slow pace of help has left thousands hungry, overwhelming officials and aid workers.

To help families get news of relatives in Gonaives, where telephone lines were smashed and cellular phone service is patchy, the International Committee of the Red Cross set up a page on the Internet on Wednesday at www.familylinks.icrc.org.

Near the main road entering Gonaives — the city of 250,000 ravaged by the storm — peasant farmers have been trying to stop aid trucks with signs saying they need help too.

They have had less luck than men with guns and machetes who at the weekend looted a government convoy.

Some of the gangs are purely criminal, but many are allied and armed by rival political parties. Some say they were armed by Aristide's henchmen to terrorize his political opponents.

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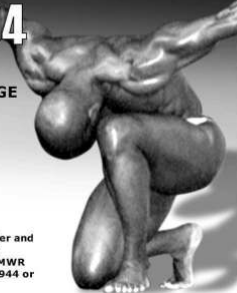
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U.N.: Cancel Africa's debt

The Associated Press

GENEVA — African countries are sinking deeper into the red and creditors should cancel the continent's debts to give it a chance to meet global poverty reduction goals, the United Nations said in a report.

Africa requires a minimum economic growth rate of 7-8 percent to stand a chance of achieving the global body's Millennium Development Goals, which include cutting poverty in half by 2015, said the report Thursday by the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development.

"Even if all the outstanding debt were to be written off, this would represent less than half the resource requirements of Africa," said Kamran Kousari, one of the authors of the 90-page study. The continent received about \$540 billion in loans between 1970 and 2002 and paid back \$550 billion, including interest. Yet it still had \$295 of debts at the end of 2002, UNCTAD said.

The problem is even more acute in sub-Saharan African countries, which remain \$210 billion in debt despite paying out 91 percent of the amount they originally borrowed.

Ethnic violence

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — U.N. prosecutors have indicted six ethnic Albanians for the murder of a Serb and the beating of his elderly mother during Kosovo's worst postwar outbreak of ethnic violence, a senior official said Wednesday.

In the first indictment filed for murder since the mid-March riots, three suspects — were charged in the slaying of Slobodan Peric, 51, and five were accused of beating his 77-year-old mother, Anka, said Thomas Mon-

aghan, head of the U.N.-run justice department in Kosovo.

Hungary's new PM

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Parliament convened Wednesday to elect Ferenc Gyurcsany as the country's sixth prime minister since Hungary's return to democracy from communist rule in 1990.

His predecessor, Peter Medgyessy, was forced out in August by the Socialist-led governing coalition's loss of confidence in his leadership.

From The Associated Press

Terror protection up for sale

Anti-mine boots, dirty-bomb detectors among items at exhibition

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — In Vienna's old stock exchange building, the ornate chandeliers and the pianist playing a Schubert sonata might have been from another era.

But the merchants gathered there Tuesday were right up to date — selling surveillance devices, dirty-bomb detectors and boots designed to withstand anti-personnel mines.

Rob Clarey hefted one of his anti-mine boots in his right hand.

"It works," he said proudly. "We tested it on real legs." The limbs, he said, were provided by the medical faculty of a Vienna university.

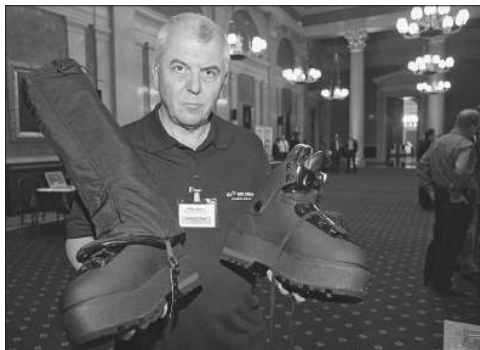
To his left, Joachim Goetzfeldt fielded questions about his contribution to making our world safer — jump suits designed to repel SARS, radioactivity and chemical and biological attack. Just a few steps away, Roman Ros explained the finer points of his dirty-bomb detector — "sets up quickly, using the existing infrastructure at hand."

The companies represented in the ballroom of the venerable building were dealing in a very modern commodity — the fears sown by the post-Sept. 11, 2001, world of terrorism, pandemics and organized crime.

Hundreds of similar trade fairs are held each year all over the world. But — like the one in Vienna — they are by invitation only, with organizers keen to keep the cutting edge technology being displayed out of the wrong hands.

Twenty-four exhibitors in Vienna displayed wares ranging from the relatively basic modified fire-bomb that is meant to stop anti-personnel mines, to supposedly undetectable fiber-optic microphones and attaché-case-sized scanners built to find bugs and other surveillance devices used by bad guys.

At the Vienna show, Austrian military officials



A pair of anti-mine boots are one of the many items on display in Vienna on Tuesday. Exhibitors, such as Roman Ros, showed off the latest equipment meant to combat terror.

ers in uniform mingled with senior members of the Interior Ministry's anti-terror unit and a group of Russian speakers who refused to identify themselves. Snatterings of Czech and Croatian could also be heard from the floor.

In the corner next to the entrance, Ros, who organized the Austrian show, proudly explained the basics of what he said was effectively a dirty-bomb detector.

Existing hollow guard-rails set up in high-se-

curity areas at airports or elsewhere can be pumped full of a liquid that detects even minute amounts of radioactivity and sends a signal to an electron tube. That in turn alerts security personnel that someone is carrying a radioactive substance, he said.

Ros said fears of terrorism and criminality meant continued big dividends to all in the room in the years to come.

"Unfortunately, business is booming," Ros said.

Pilots attacked

OSLO, Norway — An Algerian asylum seeker on a commuter plane in northern Norway attacked both pilots and a passenger with an ax as the aircraft was landing Wednesday, police said.

The injured pilots were able to land the Kato Air Dornier 228 safely in the northern town of Bodø after passengers subdued the attacker, police and witnesses said.

The attacker, a man in his 30s whose name was being withheld, was arrested after the landing, police official Bjarte Walla said. Seven passengers were on board.

Beer collaborators

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union on Wednesday fined French dairy Groupe Danone and Dutch beer giant Heineken NV \$3 million for colluding to control the wholesale beer market in France.

The two were involved in an acquisition war of drinks wholesalers to strengthen their distribution networks in the hotel, restaurant and cafe markets.

In March 1996, the companies agreed to an "armistice" to control costs. As part of the agreement, Danone and Heineken agreed to temporarily stop acquisitions and distribute equal volumes of total and branded beers.

Paternity tests on rise

BEIJING — Requests for paternity tests are surging in Beijing as suspicious husbands check on their wives' faithfulness at a time of rapidly shifting sexual attitudes, a government news agency reported.

The number of DNA tests on infants at Chaoyang Hospital, a major hospital in the Chinese capital, recently jumped up 20 percent over the past year to 200 as of mid-September, China News Service reported.

From The Associated Press

Mexican state recruiting cats to fight excess rats

BY OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
The Associated Press

MONTERREY, Mexico — Hundreds of cats are being recruited in the northern state of Chihuahua to launch a frontal attack on a rat population that has grown into the hundreds of thousands.

Chihuahua health officials said Tuesday they hope to get as many as 700 felines and send them to Atascadero, an isolated farm village in the rugged Tarahumara mountains, a region where officials estimate there are about a half-million rats.

The cats are being collected in Chihuahua city, capital of the northern Mexican state of the same name, where they will be vaccinated and checked for rabies and then shipped by truck to Atascadero, said Roberto Gallegos, a health official who is overseeing the recruitment of the cats.

"So far we don't have any cats, but we have a mutual contract already promised to donate 50," Gallegos said. "Our goal is to stop the rats from reproducing and that's how we hope the cats can help."

Advertisements asking for cat donations began circulating in Chihuahua newspapers Monday and officials hope some 200 will be ready to travel to Atascadero this weekend.

Gallegos said the cats would be given to rat-infested households in Atascadero, a town of 3,000 people, where rats are said to have attacked domestic animals.

People there started noticing the rodent problem a year ago when rats appeared in barns and warehouses where they stored their produce.

Farmers started using traps and poison, but the effort backfired. Cats and other animals that prey on rats started dying instead.

"Now they have no cats left and the rats just keep reproducing," Gallegos said.

Eustaquio Marin, a spokesman with the municipality of Guadalupe y Calvo, where Atascadero is located, said about 800 households are infested with the rats. He said there was an average of at least 200 rats per home.

Emilia de Leon of the Animal Protection Society in Monterrey, the largest urban area in northern Mexico, was alarmed by the plan and pointed out sending stray cats that haven't been sterilized could create more problems.

"Now there is going to be a plague of cats and what they are going to do — start to exterminate cats?" de Leon asked. "It would be a very big mistake to use cats that have not been sterilized."

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Ticked PinkTV: France launches first gay channel

BY JOHN LEICESTER

The Associated Press

PARIS — The transgender sportscaster wears a miniskirt, the porn is gay, lesbian and bisexual, and Wonder Woman will be on every night at seven.

France's first gay television channel, PinkTV, is an eye-opener.

And that's the point. PinkTV's founders believe there's a ready audience — and not just among France's estimated 3.5 million gays — for TV that is different.

PinkTV's "a giant leap for television, a small step in high heels," said presenter Eric Guéhen in a promotional clip shown at the channel's unveiling Tuesday, which was feted with pink champagne.

"Gays are speaking to the French. But not all French speak to gays. But it will come."

Well, maybe. This at times surprisingly conservative and largely Roman Catholic country is still divided when it comes to homosexuality.

France has in recent years made big strides, legally recognizing gay couples and electing a gay mayor for Paris. Homophobic remarks will be punishable with prison and fines under a draft law expected to be debated in parliament before the year's end.

But the group SOS Homophobia recorded a doubling in attacks on gays last year, with 86 cases against 41 in 2002. In January, a 35-year-old gay man was severely burned by attackers who doused him with gasoline and ignited it. Sebastian Nouchet told investigators that one of his aggressors said: "You're going to die, faggot."

The government suspended Noel Mamere, a figure as a town mayor for a month after he presided over France's first gay marriage on June 5.

A court in Bordeaux in the southwest later annulled the union of Bertrand Charpentier and Stéphane Chapin — a ruling the couple has vowed to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

"Marriage is great! I recommend it to everyone,"



PinkTV founder and president Pascal Houzelot, seated at center, poses with the channel anchor crew after a news conference to present the new French gay television channel in Paris on Tuesday.

Charpentier said after the July ruling. But President Jacques Chirac and his popular finance minister and would-be successor Nicolas Sarkozy are among those who have spoken against gay marriage — even though a poll earlier this year showed that a majority supports such unions.

Pink says it will take part in the debate on homosexuality and other topics but does not plan to be militant. The channel launches Oct. 25 on cable and satellite. Subscription will cost month.

Britain already has two channels on the Sky Digital platform — GayDay TV, a teleshopping channel targeting the gay community, and GayTV, a late-night soft-core porn channel. And Sweden has gay-friendly programming.

But Pink is the first nationally broadcast gay channel of its kind, said its founder and president, Pascal Houzelot. Pink is aiming for at least 180,000 subscribers. Houzelot said he expects half the audience will be in the Paris region.

"Pink is coming at the right moment," he said. "There's an evident change in mentalities. We've seen society changed. We've seen the law change... In France, we can clearly say that gays have gone from the era of tolerance to the era of legality, which simply means equality."

Researchers study effects of music on ageing sherry

BY DANIEL WOOLLS

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Plants like being tall, right? Well, Spanish researchers want to know if yeast used to age sherry grows better with music loosely based on its own DNA.

This odd marriage of wine and song is too young for a firm verdict, but there are hints the yeast likes it. The yeast cells floating to the top of wine casks to cushion against the damaging effects of air seem more organized.

"The more uniform and thicker the layer, the better, because the wine is more protected," the lead researcher, enologist Maria Isabel Estevez, said in Associated Press interview Tuesday. She stressed, however, that the data is only preliminary.

Turning genes — human and microbial — into music is the brainchild of a team led by Aurora Sanchez Sousa, a piano-playing microbiologist at Madrid's Ramon y Cajal Hospital.

Intrigued by the effect music has on people's moods, last year the team transformed snippets of genetic code into music by arbitrarily assigning tones from the do-re-mi scale to four key building blocks of DNA's double helix.

The exercise was just for fun, and yielded what the team called an audio version of the blueprint for life.

Those four units are called nucleotides, and distinguished by which of four bases they contain — adenine, guanine, thymine or cytosine. Thus, a string of code that reads, say, AGCTATACAT, for a geneticist became the base line of music that Sanchez Sousa and a team of professionals embellished with melodies.

The resulting 10-minute CD and a later work from Sanchez Sousa's team pleased Spanish sherry

mogul Jose Estevez so much he got to thinking.

If yeast cells that turn sugar into alcohol are affected by external factors like temperature and humidity, and the cells are just as alive as musically vulnerable humans, might not there be one more way to keep the yeast happy? "He asked if music might not also affect his wines," Sanchez Sousa said in an interview.

So her team translated yeast genes into four songs, and composed one more tune based on Estevez's own DNA. "It has a sort of Andalusian flair," she said, alluding to the flamenco-rich southern region that is Estevez's home and the hub of Spain's sherry industry. One of the yeast songs has a jazzy slant.

Enter the winemakers. At the Estevez vineyard in Jerez de la Frontera in southern Spain, speakers were hung from the ceiling of a warehouse where casks of sherry age.

For the past two months, the yeast-gene music has played softly over those speakers every day from about 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., said enologist Estevez, the boss's daughter.

"The music is beautiful," she said. "It is a very pleasant, relaxing melody."

Inside the casks, yeast floats to the top and forms a milky-white layer that protects the wine from the damaging effects of oxygen. And lo and behold, the yeast does seem to be reacting to the soothing sound of its own DNA.

With music, that layer seems to be uniform, compared to the more scattershot formation of yeast subjected to silence, Estevez said.

She stressed the data is nowhere near enough for a firm conclusion. The sherry being tinkered with needs to age for three years, and the music only just started.



GRUPO ESTEVEZ/AP

Casks filled with sherry sit in a warehouse in Jerez de la Frontera, southern Spain, where a team led by piano-playing microbiologist Aurora Sanchez Sousa are playing music to the yeast in the casks, used for ageing the wine. The music is composed by assigning notes to individual points along the yeast's DNA.

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Weimar

Dark events loom over shining cultural legacy

BY TERRENCE PETTY
The Associated Press

Weimar is considered the capital of classical German culture, home to Goethe, Schiller and Bach. The city was also the birthplace of Bauhaus modernism, and of Germany's first democratic republic.

But Weimar has a dark side as well. Adolf Hitler was adorned here, and the Buchenwald concentration camp sits on a hill overlooking the city. For four decades after World War II, the city was under Communist rule.

Today it is one of Germany's loveliest cities, appealing to everyone from lovers of literature and music to history buffs. I have been coming here since the days of East Germany's peaceful revolution 15 years ago. But it's not just Weimar's high-culture past that keeps luring me back. It's also the city's complicated personality. With its cobblestone streets and the dark, daunting tower of City Castle looming above, Weimar is a window upon the German soul.

It was the Dowager Duchess, Anna Amalia, and her son, Duke Carl August, who put Weimar on Europe's cultural map in the late 18th century. Seeking a tutor for her son, she hired Christoph Martin Wieland, a well-known poet and translator of Shakespeare's works.

Anna Amalia also created a library in a 16th-century roco-

co-style palace. The building, called the Duchess Anna Amalia Library, is home to some 850,000 volumes. However, the building was heavily damaged and about 50,000 of the valuable volumes were destroyed in a Sept. 2 fire.

Germany's most revered writer, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, author of "Faust" and "The Sorrows of Young Werther," moved to Weimar in 1775 after Carl August asked him to be his secretary of state. Many visitors to Weimar make a pilgrimage to the house where Goethe lived from 1782 until his death 50 years later. The house is so well-preserved that you almost expect him to come walking through the door.

The home of Friedrich Schiller, his good friend and fellow writer, is a few blocks away. Schiller, author of "The Robbers" and other works, moved to Weimar in 1799 and died here in 1805.

Composer Richard Strauss lived and performed in Weimar in the late 1800s. On the edge of downtown is the home of composer Franz Liszt, and the villa where philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche spent his final years.

In 1919, a year after Germany's defeat in World War I, the country's first democratic government was created in Weimar by an assembly that met in the German National Theater. The fledgling democracy was named after the city where it was born: the Weimar Republic.



The gate to the Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar.

MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Weimar and the state of Thuringia were early and enthusiastic Hitler supporters. Thuringia lifted its ban on Hitler's political activities in 1924, a year after his arrest for a failed putsch in neighboring Bavaria.

The Hitler Youth organization was founded at a 1926 Nazi party congress at the German National Theater — the birthplace of the Weimar Republic seven years earlier.

Hitler made frequent visits to

Weimar, staying at the Hotel Elephant. He liked to visit Nietzsche's sister, who twisted her deceased brother's writings to support Nazi ideology.

Above Weimar, on Ettersberg hill, is the city's most chilling link to the Nazi era — Buchenwald concentration camp. It was built at the request of Thuringia's Nazi leaders, and more than 50,000 people died here between 1937 and the war's end in 1945.

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The tourism office in Weimar can be reached at (+49) (0) 3643-7450.

The city's official Web site is www.weimar.de.

— AP

including busloads of schoolchildren, go up Ettersberg hill to see the remnants of the camp.

The city's cultural and historical treasures are rare gems in a region still struggling to recover from mismanagement by the East German communists.

Painter Lucas Cranach the Elder moved to Weimar in 1552. Composer Johann Sebastian Bach followed Cranach nearly 200 years later, performing for the Weimar court society at the palace church.

The museum at the City Castle is home to paintings by Cranach, Albrecht Dürer, Rembrandt and Claude Monet, and the New Museum, home to more modern works.

These sites have been spiffed up with the help of government funds since German unification 14 years ago. The now-gleaming old buildings, along with an impressive list of cultural events each year, keep visitors streaming through the city.

"Weimar has a rich offering of culture," said Joachim Vogel, a Bavarian who moved here after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

"What other city of 60,000 people has a German National Theater, a state orchestra, and regularly plays host to important German politicians?"

Last call for Oktoberfest

BY CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

Time's running out for the 2004 Oktoberfest. The party ends Sunday night.

For anyone who likes beer, the Oktoberfest is a wonderful place. They can sit either inside or outside one of the giant beer tents and drink locally brewed suds such as Löwenbräu and Spaten from one-liter mugs.

But the fest has a lot more to offer. There are plenty of carnival rides for both adults and kids, ranging from the mellow Ferris wheel to the outrageous Eurostar roller coaster.

Food is mostly traditional German, including plenty of meat-and-potato dishes and a dizzying array of candies and cookies.

For entertainment, just being

there is entertaining in itself. An average of 375,000 people a day visit the festival grounds west of downtown Munich in the Theresienwiese. A visitor could find amusement in simply grabbing a comfortable place to sit and watching the celebrators skip on past — the men in their traditional brown leather pants and bibs, and the women in their Heidi dresses.

There are also mimes and other kinds of street performers strolling about, putting on their shows.

But the true Oktoberfest entertainment cuts loose inside the beer tents. Bavarian brass bands play traditional drinking songs for hours as the natives sing along and the tourists dance in the aisles and on tables.

If watching drunken people acting stupid is your thing, then



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The Oktoberfest, which runs through Sunday in Munich, Germany, attracts an average of 375,000 visitors per day to its offerings of beer tents, carnival rides and midway games.

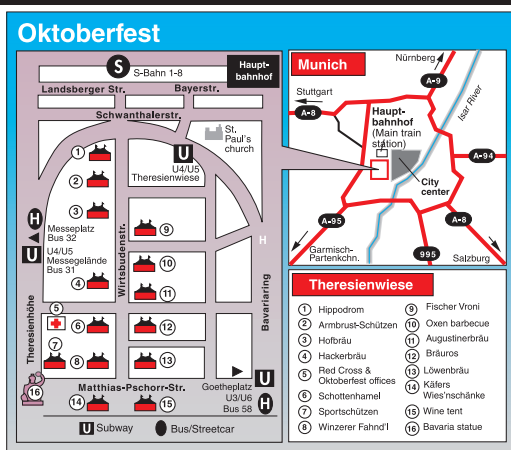
pull up a seat. A word of warning, though — the tents sometimes fill to capacity and getting inside one is not a given. No worries, though. Each has a vast *biertgarten* outside for thirsty guests, and the *biertgartens* usually have their share of drunken people acting stupid as well.

Admission to the grounds is free, but participating isn't cheap.

The big beers go for 7.10 euros apiece, or about \$9. Rides cost from 2-5 euros apiece for adults, or about \$3-\$6. Tickets for kids 12 and younger cost a little less.

Food prices are about what one would expect: Bratwursts on a fresh roll go for about 3.50 euros, giant pretzels for about 2 euros, and plates of grub such as the traditional oden for around 10 euros.

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Trips to Oktoberfest

■ **From Hanau, Germany, Oct. 2-3**, including a tour of the Neuschwanstein castle. One night, \$119 adults, \$69 children, information at DSN 322-6015 or 322-8891.

■ **From Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Oct. 2**, \$69, return about midnight, DSN 480-6330, 489-7064, 496-7719.

■ **From Stuttgart, Germany, Oct. 2**, \$38 adults, \$33 children, returns about 11 p.m., DSN

430-5559.)

■ **In other communities**, check with local USO, travel and Morale, Welfare and Recreation offices.

For hotel information and reservations, phone the Munich city tourist office at (+49) (0) 89-233-96500. For tourist information, try the English-language Web site www.munich-tourist.de.

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The Oktoberfest is famous for its beer tents, each holding thousands of people, many of whom dance on the tables when the spirit moves them.

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Villages

as fine as wine

Wine road satisfies eye, palate

BY MICHAEL ABRAMS
Stars and Stripes

You could spend several days traveling the Deutsche Weinstrasse, visiting the grape-growing hamlets, villages and towns along the way.

Or you could choose one of the more attractive spots, settle in for a while and get a feel for the atmosphere of this wine-producing part of Germany.

The road, which leads, roughly, from Autobahn 6 at Grünstadt to the French border at Wissembourg, wanders through the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, tucked in between the fertile Rhine river plain and the Pfälzer Wald hills. The climate — an annual average of 1,800 hours of sun — and soil make it perfect for growing grapes.

And with the grapes come the good things associated with them: good wine, good food and fun wine festivals.

Although you can visit the Weinstrasse any time of year, now is a good time. The grape harvest is under way; *Federweisser*, a young wine served before the fermentation process is finished, is being sold at the wineries; and many wine festivals dedicated to the new wine are happening.

Because most people along the Weinstrasse derive at least some of their income from grapes, it is not unusual at this time of year to see signs in front of houses announcing *Federweisser* for sale. But it is harvest season for not only grapes, but also for apples, pears, onions and pumpkins, so you'll also see sacks of fruit and vegetables for sale.

There are only four cities along the Weinstrasse: Bad Dürkheim, Neustadt, Landau and Bad Bergzabern. All are known for their wine, but Bad Dürkheim with its Wurstmärkt — supposedly the world's biggest wine fest — and



Saumagen, literally sow's stomach, served with sauerkraut, bread and a glass of wine, is a specialty of the Weinstrasse area. Despite the name, the dish — a pig's stomach filled with meat, potatoes, onions and spices and cooked in salt water — is delicious. This plate was served up in Deidesheim, Germany.

its giant wine keg, the *Dürkheimer Fass*, big enough to have a restaurant inside, is the most popular.

There are also castles and monasteries along the road, but it is really in the villages along the way — such as Herxheim, Kallstadt, Diedesfeld or Maikammer — where the road unfolds its charm.

Here is a glimpse at two good stops, Deidesheim and St. Martin.

Deidesheim is a village with cobblestone lanes, shady parks

and fig tree-lined streets. Its historic town hall dates to the 16th century, and is one of the Weinstrasse's more distinctive pieces of architecture.

It has plenty of places to taste and buy wine — look for the "Weinprobe und Verkauf" signs — and quite a few good restaurants. One, the Deidesheimer Hof, is where former German chancellor Helmut Kohl used to bring visiting dignitaries to try the specialties of the region, including *Pfälzer Saumagen*, a pig's stomach filled with meat, potatoes,

onions and spices and cooked in salt water.

Besides the town hall, other sights in Deidesheim include the 15th century Gothic Catholic church, the Hospital and Hospital Church that dates back to 1494, and the Schlosspark with plants and trees from all over the world.

St. Martin is smaller and cozier. Here it seems every house is a winery or a wine tavern. Despite its coziness, this hamlet does have one drawback — the traffic. On a sunny afternoon in September it appears every tourist on the Weinstrasse is here, trying to navigate its narrow lanes. But if you can get past that, St. Martin typifies the charm of the Weinstrasse.

Towering above the village is the church dedicated to the saint who gave the place its name. A statue of St. Martin stands in front of it. Inside is the remarkable lifelike gravestone of the knight Hanns von Dalberg and his wife, Catharina.

Much of the rest of St. Martin is dedicated to wine. In the Altes Schloßchen, a renaissance building from the 16th century, there are two places to taste and buy wine.

If you see a broom — *Besen* in German — hanging above a winery gate, you have found a *Besenswirtschaft*. Many vintners open



The only thing that disturbs the coziness of St. Martin, Germany, a village of wine, is the traffic. The village church, dedicated to St. Martin, towers over the town.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL ABRAMS: Stars and Stripes
n the Weinstrasse, is the traffic. The

their doors and turn their courtyards into little wine taverns, offering wines and snacks. They are perfect places to try the vintner's products, and you can then buy your favorite vintage at a lower price than you could at a store.

While walking through town take a stroll down Forstgasse. Here you will pass a fountain that has a wine cask as its centerpiece. Engraved on it is perhaps the best-known saying about the product that makes the Weinstrasse popular.

It reads "in vino veritas," Latin for "in wine is truth."

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Inside a Weinproberstube, or wine-tasting tavern, in St. Martin, a village on the German Weinstrasse.



The gravestone of the knight Hanns von Dalberg is in the Catholic church in St. Martin.



If you go to the Weinstrasse

■ **Where:** The Deutsche Weinstrasse (German Wine Road) starts just north of Grünstadt — off Autobahn 6 between Mannheim and Kaiserslautern — and runs south to the French border at Wissembourg.

Deidesheim is between Bad Dürkheim and Neustadt, and St. Martin is between Neustadt and Landau.

■ **When:** The best time to visit is from spring to fall, and during December for the Christmas markets.

Most wine-tasting taverns open after 4 p.m. during the week, and late mornings on the weekend.

The Deidesheim wine fest is always the second and third weekends in August and its Christmas market is on the four weekends before the holiday. The St. Martin wine fest is Nov. 5-7, and from Nov. 11 (St. Martin's Day) to Nov. 13. Its Christmas market is on the three weekends between Nov. 27 and Dec. 12.

■ **Food:** Try specialties of the Palatinate, which on menus will have the prefix *Pfälzer*: Saumagen, bratwurst and Leberknödel (liver dumpling), and in the fall try *Zwiebelkuchen* (onion cake) and *Federweisser*, a young wine served before the fermentation process is finished.

■ **Information:** On the Web go to www.deidesheim.de and look for the



An impish statue holds a wine glass and grapes on a square in Deidesheim.



PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes

English link. The site www.zum-wohl-die-pfalz.de is in German only, as is www.suedlicheweinstrasse.de.

Be safe and have a designated driver if you plan on doing a lot of wine tasting.

— MICHAEL ABRAMS

Carved onto a wine keg that is part of a fountain in St. Martin are the words "in vino veritas" — in wine is truth.

Volksmarch

Sunday is the 14th anniversary of German Reunification — the day when East Germany and West Germany became one again.

It's also the day the German volks-marching community typically sets aside to help a very worthy cause, the Christiane Herzog Foundation.

The foundation helps provide for the needs of children with cystic fibrosis, also known as mucoviscidosis, and the financial burden their families bear. The most common cause of chronic lung disease in children and young adults, cystic fibrosis is an inherited disease that affects the respiratory and digestive systems. Symptoms of this genetic defect include whooping cough, asthma or bronchitis.

Several walking clubs will participate Sunday in "Deutschland wandert" (German walks), an annual walk on Reunification Day. How can you tell which clubs are supporting the Herzog Foundation? You'll see "free certificate" listed in the awards column. A portion of the proceeds from each of these events will be donated to the foundation; the money will go to aid the children and their families.

Each participant in "Deutschland wandert" will receive a free certificate signed by Christiane Herzog and a special stamp. Your only key to be the basic start card.

I encourage you to attend a "Deutschland wandert" event. How often is it that you can help a child suffering from a genetic disease just by going volksmarching? Go out and walk for them so that one day they may be able to volksmarch alongside us all.

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Miscellaneous short notes about this week's volksmarch events:

■ The Knittingen, Germany, souvenir is a six-inch vase that looks sort of like a horn and has ties down it. You can take this unique vase home as well as a free certificate.

■ Saturday and Sunday, the club in Wiesbaden-Gräselberg, Germany, holds its "Goldener Oktober" "Deutschland wandert" and new Nordic-Walking (i.e., with poles), events. The Christiane Herzog commemorative certificate will be given both days and here's another special note: The club will award different stamps for each day's marches, so you can walk both days and receive not only distance but event credit for your efforts.

The 5K and 10K begin both days from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., while the 20K has an 8 a.m. to noon window. The souvenir is a B-medal for the reduced price of three euros. Don't forget to carry your cup to this walk if you want free refreshments at the control points.

■ Start in Freiamt-Ottoschwanden and end in Nordweil. Yes, this German event has different start and finish locations but don't fear, the club offers free bus rides back to the start every 30 minutes. The 12-kilometer trail starts Sunday between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.; the finish time is not listed on the brochure.

■ The Wandervergägers Dachsenhaus-und-Dessighofen, Germany, hosts its first biking event this weekend in Gemmerich. Cycle the 25K course Saturday and Sunday, starting 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., the same window as the 5K, 10K and 20K marches. Finish all trails by 5 p.m.

■ The Belgian walk in Hauset and the Dutch walk in Epen and Berg en Terbiert are sponsored by the same organizations. If you want to walk the 42K or 21K and paid the 7-euro (7.30 euros for sticker souvenir) advance start fee, which in-

Here are events sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (Internationaler Volksportverband, or IVV) near U.S. military installations in Europe. Locations are noted in the host language when possible. Find more extensive lists on the Web at www.ivv.org.

Country/Town	Day(s) and Time(s)	Code	Km.	Starting Point	Award	Directional Reference
Belgium						
Hauset	Sat 07:00-09:00	M	42	Mehrzweck Halle	Sticker	S of Aachen, GE
Lonroy	Sun 07:30-14:00	-	6, 12, 18	Local du Club	No award	NE of Bastogne
Denmark						
Hoptrup	Sun 08:00-11:00	-	5 & 10	Hoptrup Skole	No award	S of Haderslev
Hoptrup	Sun 08:00-10:00	-	15	Hoptrup Skole	No award	S of Haderslev
Hoptrup	Sun 08:00-09:00	-	25	Hoptrup Skole	No award	S of Haderslev
Odense	Sat 16:30	-	10	Tarp Skolen	No award	Tarp Skolen 1, Odense NV
Odense	Sun 08:00-11:00	-	6 & 12	Tarp Skolen	No award	Tarp Skolen 1, Odense NV
Odense	Sun 09:00-10:00	-	21	Tarp Skolen	No award	Tarp Skolen 1, Odense NV
Næstved	Sun 08:00-11:00	-	10	Pejrestuen	No award	Gronnegades Kaserne
Nimtofte	Sun 09:00-10:00	-	5 & 12	Skole	No award	E of Randers
Nimtofte	Sun 09:00-10:00	-	17 & 25	Skole	No award	E of Randers
France						
Beinheim	Sun 07:00-14:00	F	10	Salle polyvalente	No award	NW of Baden-Baden, GE
Beinheim	Sun 07:00-12:00	F	20	Salle polyvalente	No award	NW of Baden-Baden, GE
Enzheimberg	Sun 07:00-14:00	F	10 & 20	Salle de la Bruche	No award	SW of Strasbourg
Illzach	Sat & Sun 07:00-14:30	F	10 & 20	Salle des Fêtes	No award	N of Mulhouse
Narbfontaine	Sun 07:00-14:00	F	10	Foyer de Narbfontaine	No award	E of Metz
Narbfontaine	Sun 07:00-13:00	F	20	Foyer de Narbfontaine	No award	E of Metz
Germany						
Aying	Sun 07:00-13:00	F	5 & 10	Brauerei	Free certificate	MOB, SE of München
Brachhausen	Sun 07:00-13:00	F	5, 10, 20	Schützenhalle	Free certificate	NRW, E of Olpe
Eintemmenberg	Sat 10:00-14:00, Sun 07:00-12:00	F	5 & 10	Gemeindehalle	Free certificate	BWS, NE of Weingarten
Eintemmenberg	Sat 10:00-14:00, Sun 07:00-12:00	Bike	25	Gemeindehalle	Free certificate	BWS, NE of Weingarten
Freiamt-Ottoschwanden	Sat 07:00-13:00	F	12	Freihof	Free certificate	BWN, SE of Emmendingen
Gemmerich	Sat & Sun 07:00-13:00	BFX	5, 10, 20	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medal	R, SE of Koblenz
Gemmerich	Sat & Sun 07:00-13:00	Bike	25	Dorfgemeinschaftshaus	B-medal	R, SE of Koblenz
Helmstedt	Sat 07:00-12:00	F	5 & 10	Schwarzbachhalle	Hand towel	BWN, SE of Heidelberg
Helmstedt	Sat 07:00-13:00	F	20	Schwarzbachhalle	B-medal	BWN, SE of Heidelberg
Hottelmann	Sat & Sun 07:00-14:00	F	10, 20	Sporthalle	Free certificate	SE of Haderslev
Malisch bei Heidelberg	Fri 07:00-12:00	BFX	5 & 10	Besenwirt Reblaus	B-and-Medial truck	BWN, S of Heidelberg
Obernach	Sat 08:00-12:00	BFX	5, 10, 20	Gasthaus Sebald	B-medal	OPF, NW of Sulzbach-Rosenberg
Obernach	Sun 07:00-12:00	BFX	5 & 10	Gasthaus Sebald	B-and-Medial Free certificate	OPF, NW of Sulzbach-Rosenberg
Riederich	Sun 07:00-13:00	FSY	5 & 10	Guttenberg	Free certificate	BWS, NW of Metzgeren
Röttenbach	Sat 07:00-12:00	FY3	5, 10, 20	Mehrzweckhalle	B-medal/mug	FRM, NW of Erlangen
Röttenbach	Sat 07:00-12:00	FY3	5, 10, 20	Mehrzweckhalle	B-and-Mug/Free cert.	FRM, NW of Erlangen
Thaleweller	Sat & Sun 07:00-14:00	FY	5 & 10	Mehrzweckhalle	Free certificate	SAR, SW of St. Wendel
Thaleweller	Sat & Sun 07:00-13:00	FY	20	Mehrzweckhalle	Free certificate	SAR, SW of St. Wendel
Unterschwabach	Sun 07:00-12:00	F	5 & 10	Schloß	Free certificate	SCH, NE of Augsburg
Weidenbrunn	Sat 08:00-14:00	F	5, 10, 20	Leibschachthalle	Model semi truck	FRO, NW of Kumbach
Weidenbrunn	Sun 07:00-12:00	F	10, 20	Leibschachthalle	Model truck/Free cert.	FRO, NW of Kumbach
Wiesbaden-Gräselberg	Sat 08:00-14:00	FCN3	5 & 10	Sporthalle	B-medal/Bier mug	HE, Wörthersseer.
Wiesbaden-Gräselberg	Sun 08:00-12:00	FCN3	20	Sporthalle	B-medal/Bier mug	HE, Wörthersseer.
Wiesbaden-Gräselberg	Sun 08:00-14:00	FCN	5 & 10	Sporthalle	Free certificate	HE, Wörthersseer.
Wiesbaden-Gräselberg	Sun 08:00-12:00	FCN	20	Sporthalle	Free certificate	HE, Wörthersseer.
Italy						
Albignasego	Sun 09:00-09:30	F	6 & 13	Follow signs	No award	S of Padova
Albignasego	Sun 09:00-09:30	F	21 & 28	Follow signs	No award	S of Padova
Carmignano di Brenta	Sun 08:00-09:00	F	8, 15, 26	Central Plaza	Souvenir	N of Vicenza
Mussolente	Sun 08:00-09:00	F	6, 11, 20	Parco Comunale	No award	E of Bassano
Saaleo	Sat 15:00-16:00	F	12, 21	SE of old elem school	SE of San Tommaso	SE of San Tommaso
Selz di Ronchi/Legionari	Sun 09:00-10:00	F	7 & 13	Parco della festa	Pastascutta	N of Montebelluna
Zane	Sun 08:00-09:00	FX	7, 13, 22	Sports complex	Medal (1st 300)	N of Vicenza
Luxembourg						
Bigonville	Sun 08:00-14:00	F	5 & 10	Centre polyvalent	No award	N of Arlon, BE
Bigonville	Sun 08:00-12:00	F	20	Centre polyvalent	No award	N of Arlon, BE
Luxembourg	Sat 10:00-16:00	F	10	Villeroy & Boch	No award	330 Rue Rollingergrund
Luxembourg	Sat 10:00-14:00	F	15	Villeroy & Boch	No award	330 Rue de Rollingergrund
Netherlands						
Berg en Terbiert	Sat 09:30 (with bus trans.)	-	21	Carlé zaal Noben	Sticker	E of Maastricht
Berg en Terbiert	Sat 06:30-08:00 (with bus trans.)	M	42	Carlé zaal Noben	Sticker	E of Maastricht
Epen	Sat 09:00-12:00	-	21	Petranaal Epen	W of Aachen, GE	
Switzerland						
Pully	Sat 08:00-13:00, Sun 08:00-12:00	-	5, 12, 20	Foyer des Quatre-Vents	Wine glass	SE of Lausanne
United Kingdom						
Burns	Sun 09:00-10:00	-	10 & 20	Car Park	No award	SE of Cambridge
Chilbolton	Sun 09:00-10:00	-	10 & 20	Village Hall	Souvenir	SE of Andover
Haverly-on-Thames	Sun 09:00-10:00	-	10 & 10	Tesco Car Park	Souvenir	W of Maidenhead
Kenilworth	Sun 09:00-10:00	-	15 & 10	Rose & Crown PH	No award	E of Barmley
Market Warsop	Sun 09:30	-	15	Hare & Hounds	No award	N of Mansfield
Market Warsop	Sun 10:00	-	10	Hare & Hounds	No award	N of Mansfield

GENERAL WALK CODES:

B - Awards from past events available (B-medals)
C - Take along a cup for free refreshments at the control points
S - Shower or wash facilities available at start hall
F - Free refreshment at control points
M - Marathon or long-distance event
N - Nordic walking event
Musical at start hall

S - Stroller-friendly trails
S - Shorter trail is specifically noted as stroller-friendly
E - Evening/Night walk, handicaps or a flashmob
X - Award available only while supplies last
W - Course suitable for wheelchair participants
Y - Young Walkers - 7 and under
3 - Reduced price of 3 euros for start card & B-medal

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BWV - Baden-Württemberg Nord
BWV - Baden-Württemberg Süd
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FRU - Unterfranken (Lower Franconia)

HE - Hessen
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NDS - Niedersachsen/Berlin
NRW - Nordrhein-Westfalen
NDB - Niederbayern

OPF - Oberpfalz
RP - Rheinland-Pfalz
SAR - Saarland
SCH - Schwaben
BHV - Schleswig-Holstein/Hamburg
THS - Thüringen/Sachsen

cludes bus transportation to the start, you catch the bus in Berg en Terbiert. If you didn't pay for the bus, start the 42K in Hauset (Belgium) and the 21K in Epen (Netherlands). You'll pay 1.40 euro for the start card, 1.70 euros for the start card and sticker.

■ Clark Seodler's Italian walking tips:

How about a boat ride? As last year, the 21K route at San Paolo di Morsano al Tagliamento includes a boat ride across the Tagliamento. Unless you are the first one in the boat, bring a couple of punts, as it means sitting in wet sand for the crossing (experience talking here). These folks put on a really friendly walk.

By special arrangement, you can visit the Vergine Caves in conjunction with the Selz di Ronchi dei Legionari event. There is also a fest, so food will be available at the end of the walk.

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Send your ski listings

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Attention ski clubs: This year's "Ski Europe" Travel issue is a few weeks away (Oct. 28). We would like to include information about your ski club and trips in it and in the "Ski Clubs and Events" calendar in the following weeks throughout the winter. USO and Mole, Welfare and Recreation trips are welcome also.

We prefer e-mail submissions, at travel@mail.estripes.osd.mil. You also may send by mail to Travel Ski Calendar, Editorial, Stars and Stripes, Unit 29480, APO AE 09211, or Travel Ski Calendar, Editorial, Postfach 1330, 64345 Griesheim, Germany.

Please include this information (in this order): club's or organization's name, base/city, contact name, phone number and e-mail address, Web address (if available), mailing address, membership costs (singles and families), meeting schedule (days and location), trip schedule (resort, dates and costs, example: Subalta, Nov. 8-9, 250 euros), notes about the trip (costs based on double occupancy? Trips by plane, bus or U-drive? Departure site? Meals or snacks included?).

We also welcome good-quality photos of your club skiing. See you on the slopes!

- STRIPES TRAVEL

Tours/Outdoors

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Germany

The Armed Forces Recreation Center at Garmisch, Germany, offers tours, outdoor activities, children's programs, conference facilities and lodging in the new Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. Call DSN 440-2675 or CIV 08821-72981 or visit www.afroecurope.com.

Hanan Outdoor Recreation tours and events: **Oct. 2-3**, Oktoberfest Munich and Neuschwanstein castle tour, \$119 adults, \$69 children. Price includes round-trip transportation, one hotel night with breakfast in Oberammergau, guided tour on Sunday to the Neuschwanstein castle, plus entrance into the castle. Contact the Hanan Outdoor Recreation, Leisure and Travel Center on Fliegerhorst Kaserne, DSN 322-6015 or on Old Argonner Kaserne, DSN 322-8891.

The #17th BSB Outdoor Recreation

at Larson Barracks in Kitzingen, Germany, offers a trip to see the "Rhine in flames" on **Oct. 18**. Call DSN 355-8629 or civilian 09321-305-8629.

Mannheim Outdoor Recreation



Fireworks explode over Barcelona, Spain, on Sunday during the closing ceremony of the Forum 2004 cultural fair.

ation events: paintball, **Nov. 13 and 27**, at paintball field, \$15 with your own equipment, \$20 with ODR equipment; **Nov. 20**, inside wall climbing, at Indoor Climbing Center just minutes from Mannheim ODR, pre-registration required, \$35, Mannheim ODR also offers one-day ski trips to Feldberg, Germany, or Engelberg, Switzerland, every Saturday from mid December to April. Engelberg dates: **Dec. 18 and 26; Jan. 1, 15, and 29; Feb. 19 and 26; March 12 and 26 and April 2 and 10**. Price is \$50 including ski, boots, poles and transportation, or \$45 with your own

equipment. Snowboard package costs an additional \$5, lift ticket not included. Feldberg dates: **Jan. 8, 17 and 22; Feb. 5, 12 and 19; March 5 and 19**. The price per person is \$35, including ski, boots, poles and transportation, or \$30 with your own equipment. Snowboard package costs an additional \$5, lift ticket not included.

Call DSN 381-7215 or 7232, or CIV 0621-730-7215 or 7232.

Ramstein (KMC) RTC Destinations Unlimited tours: By bus: **Oct. 2**, Oktoberfest Family Express in Munich (return around midnight), \$69; **Oct. 3, 6, 9, 14, 17, 20,**

23, 28 and 31, Castles on the Rhine (castle visit, cruise, lunch and wine tasting, sightseeing and shopping), \$89; **Oct. 9-10**, Sound of Music tour in Salzburg, Austria, with one hotel night, tours and visit to Obersalzberg and Herrenhimel castle, \$259; **Oct. 11**, Prague and Karlov Vary, one hotel night downtown with three meals and city tour, \$189; **Oct. 9-10**, Brussels and Brughe, one hotel night downtown and city tours, \$169; **Oct. 10**, Mosel River Tour and Cochem old city tour, \$79; **Oct. 16 and 30**, King Ludwig's Castles (Neuschwanstein and Schloss Linderhof), guided tours, photo stop at the ornate Wieskirche, \$99; **Oct. 16**, Cochem Castle, tour and knight's dinner, \$89; **Oct. 30**, the "Essentials of Nancy" city tour and museums, \$99. All bus tours are without transfers.

RTT offers these air tours: **Oct. 5-12**, Red Sea Scuba Diving. Direct flight from Frankfurt, resort hotel and half-board, 769 euros; **Oct. 9-16 and Nov. 20-27**, Egypt, hotels, tours, admissions and three days of cruising the Nile, \$1159/1149 euros; **Oct. 24-31**, Moscow and St. Petersburg, flight, hotels, overnight train, admissions and six days of tours with lunches, 999 euros; **Nov. 20-27 and Dec. 24-31**, Egypt, eight days, includes flight, hotels, tours, admissions and three days of cruising the Nile, \$1149/1329 euros; **Dec. 27-Jan. 2**, Shanghai, China, with hotel, flights, tours and lunches for 1199 euros. All flight tours depart from Frankfurt International Airport.

Call DSN 480-6330/489-7064/496-7719 or go to www.RTTTravel.com for information.

Ramstein Outdoor Recreation tours and events: **Oct. 2**, mountain biking at Bad Wildbad's downhill park; **Oct. 3**, rock climbing 101; **Oct. 9**, Top Rope Clinic at Landstuhl; **Oct. 23**, caving in Luxembourg; **Oct. 24**, caving in Luxembourg; **Oct. 30**, outdoor rock climbing in Dahn; **Oct. 31**, caving in Luxembourg, Call DSN 480-5705 or civilian 06371-47-5705.

Wiesbaden/Dexheim Outdoor Recreation daily tours: **Mondays**, intro to scuba, **Tuesdays**, rock climbing, **Wednesdays**, swimming, **Thursdays**, bouldering, **Saturdays**, skating, **Sundays**, biking; **every weekend**, Rhine cruise and wine probe. Call Wiesbaden at DSN 337-5760 or CIV 0611-705-5760 and Dexheim at DSN 334-5818 or CIV 0613-69-818.

Spangdahlem Outdoor Recreation offers an Italy Scuba Certification Course through **Oct. 3**. Cost is \$550 for uncertified divers, \$500 for certified divers, minimum age 18. Call DSN 452-7176 or COMINT 06555-61-7176 for more information.

Italy

USO Naples offers daily tours. Call DSN 626-5713.

USO Rome offers daily tours. Call (+39) (0) 6-686-423 or go to www.uso.it.



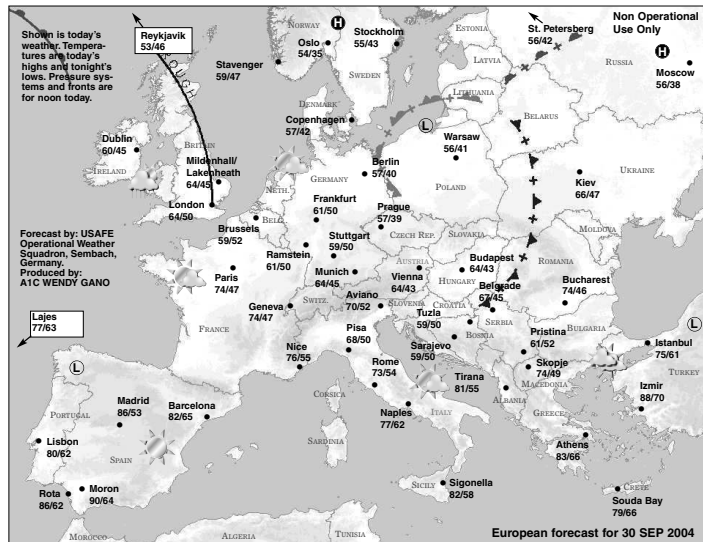
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Benelux: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s, Friday lows in the lower 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with rain early in the morning and rainshowers early in the afternoon. Lows in the 40s to mid-50s.

noon. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Friday lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with fog in the morning and isolated rainshowers in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 50s, Friday lows in the lower 50s.

France: Sunny to partly cloudy.
Highs in the lower 60s to mid 70s.
Friday lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

Northern Germany: Partly to mostly cloudy with fog in the morning. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s, Friday lows in the lower 50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with fog in the morning. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy with fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 60s, Friday lows in the lower 40s.

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy with rainshowers in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s, Friday lows in the lower 50s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s, Friday lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

ROSOVO: Mostly cloudy to cloudy with fog in the morning and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower to upper 60s, Friday lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s.

Norway: Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s, Friday lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to upper 80s, Friday lows in the lower 50s to mid 60s.

Turkey: Partly to mostly cloudy.
Highs in the mid 70s to upper 80s,
Friday lows in the lower 60s to lower
70s.



AFRICA

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Cape Town	74	56	Mogadishu	87	75
Dakar	89	77	Nairobi	81	57
Freetown	85	74	Rabat	79	62
Kinshasa	86	71	Trinoli	86	63

THE WORLD

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Amsterdam	64	49	Manila	90	71
Bahrain	96	73	Mexico City	67	51
Beijing	68	42	Montreal	65	48
Beirut	88	73	Riyadh	100	77
Bermuda	84	74	Rio de Jan	83	67
Caracas	93	80	Seoul	80	46
Helsinki	52	38	Sofia	71	41
Hong Kong	91	70	Sydney	66	51
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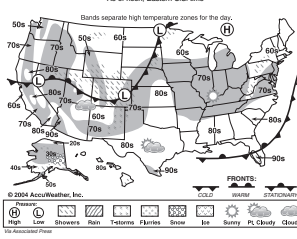
SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Baghdad)	6:47 AM	6:48 AM
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	7:24 AM	7:25 AM
Sunset (Baghdad)	6:50 PM	6:49 PM
Sunset (Frankfurt)	7:09 PM	7:07 PM

			
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Smoking at 108

MT GREAT FALLS — A 108-year-old man has taken up smoking again, encouraged by gifts of cigars from as far away as London.

Retired railroad worker Walter Breuning spoke at his birthday party of how he reluctantly quit smoking cigars at the age of 99 because he couldn't afford them.

After his story was widely distributed, the Great Falls man heard from people like the English cigar fan who sent two Havanas.

"They were \$12 cigars and they were good," Breuning said.

"You can't get good Havana cigars like that out here."

He also got a birthday note and a few more cigars from a former Great Falls resident now living in Oregon.

"They were pretty good cigars, too," Breuning said.

Fred Aimi, of Lolo, was reading newspaper stories to a group of blind neighbors when he came across an account of Breuning's birthday. "That hurt," Aimi said. "I like a good cigar myself."

Aimi said he sent a box of two dozen cigars to Breuning. "At 108, they can't do him much harm," he said.

Purr-fectly great gift

GA ATHENS — The University of Georgia's veterinary school has something to purr about thanks to a \$2 million gift.

Tom and Dorothy Morris, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., picked the school as the recipient of their entire estate because their favorite veterinarian, William Meriwether, went to school there.

"Since they had no children, I think they just wanted to leave their legacy to animals," said Peter Arnold, the deceased couple's nephew and representative of the estate.

Tom Morris died in the 1980s, and Dorothy Morris passed on in 2003.

Their bequest will turn into a \$900,000 a year trust for students working toward a doctorate of veterinary medicine and Ph.D. simultaneously, said Dot Sparer, public relations coordinator for the veterinary school.

Running for the record

MN ST. CLOUD — Jay Johnson is about to run himself into the record books.

If he competes in next month's 26.2-mile Portland Marathon in Oregon, he will have completed a 10-year cycle of running a marathon in all 50 states.

Johnson, 44, has overcome aches, pains and sickness to approach the rare feat.

"My body's been able to withstand it. The running gods have been on my side," Johnson said.

If Johnson makes it, he'll join a list of at least 167 others to have run a marathon in 50 states. That's according to the 50 States Marathon Club, which tries to chart such accomplishments.

"Not many people in the world can run a marathon, much less run a marathon in every state in the country," said Bob Kovelke, 51, treasurer of the St. Cloud River Runners Club. "It's an incredible achievement."

Johnson would be the seventh-youngest person to accom-



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plish the feat and one of a handful from Minnesota, according to the club.

"Most of them are retired fifties," Johnson said.

With the 50-state goal in reach, what's next? Running a marathon on each continent, of course.

Teeing off in Iraq

TX HUNTSVILLE — Some people who believe Iraq is just one big sand trap now have some tools to tackle the terrain.

A local resident, Doug Muddock, was inspired to collect golf clubs and balls for servicemen's clubs after hearing that the son of his friend, Claude Dance from Shreveport, La., had been sent to Iraq.

"Prior to his son going, Claude had seen that some of the troops were making makeshift golf courses. They would round up clubs and balls and play golf," Muddock said.

Before long, buckets full of clubs and balls were being donated and gathered at the Elkins Lake Golf Course.

Care package organizer Joe Peery attributed the response to the community's support of the troops in Iraq.

"I didn't think we'd get quite that many clubs, but I knew we'd get some," Peery said.

Servicemen's in their spare time have shaped their own makeshift small golf courses — some of them up to six holes — in the

Iraqi desert.

"I've heard about them laughing and cutting up, saying you've got to be able to hit out of sand traps to play this course," Peery said. "We just kind of started this wanting to give them something to do. A little diversion of any kind is a pretty good deal."

A first for airman

NH NEWINGTON — New Hampshire National Guard Airman Emily Cole was named the 2004 First-Term Airman of the Year by the Air Force Sergeants Association. It's the first time the award has gone to someone who's not an active-duty member of the Air Force. Cole, 21, works as an intelligence journeyman at Pease Air National Guard Base.

Fatal alligator bite

FL FORT MYERS — A 20-year-old woman died after an alligator bit off her arm as she apparently went out for a late-night swim in a lake near her grandparents' house, authorities said.

The body of Michelle Reeves was found by her father in a lake near a residential area, sheriff's spokeswoman Ileana LiMarzi said. Reeves and her father had come from Georgia to visit her grandparents, she said.

Reeves' right arm was bitten off at the elbow and she had puncture wounds on her left arm and upper body, LiMarzi said.

Reeves' father began searching for her around 10 a.m. and found his daughter's nightgown near the lake. He then called sheriff's deputies, and he found the body after they arrived.

The victim had "made several remarks to her family during the time that she wanted to go swimming in that lake," LiMarzi said.

State wildlife officials said an alligator was removed from the area.

Man stabbed in subway

NY NEW YORK — A 35-year-old man stepped off a subway train in lower Manhattan with seven stab wounds to his chest and back, and died shortly after collapsing on the platform, police said.

The man, whose name was not released, had been riding a northbound N train when he stumbled onto the platform at the Rector Street station at about 4:40 a.m., police said. He was taken to New York University Downtown Hospital and pronounced dead at 5 a.m.

The train was taken to Ditmars Yards in Queens for further investigation, said Officer Jennara Evereth, a police spokeswoman.

Body may be student

AR MELBOURNE — A body found in Izard County is likely that of missing college student Rebekah Gould, state police said.

Gould, 22, was last seen Sept. 20 and was reported missing the next day. Searchers found the body at the bottom of a 35-foot embankment off State Highway 47 about 4.5 miles south of Melbourne, state police spokesman Bill Sadler said.



A long way to go Judy Enello cuts apples for pies at the Dummerston Congregational Church picnic in Dummerston, Vt., while preparing for the Dummerston Apple Pie Festival, slated for Oct. 10. Volunteers from throughout the area spend many days and evenings peeling apples and making hundreds of pies for the annual event, which is the church's primary fund-raiser.



Sidewalk challenge Junior Mota, left, watches as Christian Mota, center, and Jimi Padilla play a game of chess on the sidewalk in Ridgewood, in the Queens borough of New York.



Waiting for new home A statue of Jesus is propped up in an evidence room at the Eagle Pass Police Department in Eagle Pass, Texas. The religious icon was found floating on the Rio Grande a few weeks ago by the U.S. Border Patrol. It was turned over to the police to be held in the evidence room for 90 days. Several religious groups have expressed interest in the icon.



Welcome home, daddy Sgt. Robert Foote, of Hampton, Va., is reunited with his 3-year-old twin daughters, Chyanne, left, and Chasity, after being deployed in Iraq for six months with the 3rd FAST (Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team) Company Marines at the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Army at Camp Allen in Norfolk, Va.



Lighting the way An untitled art installation by Dan Flavin lights up in the East Building of The National Gallery of Art in Washington. Instead of canvas and paint, Flavin created art with fluorescent light tubes, a technique that made him an important figure in the experimental art world of the late 20th century. The National Gallery is showing the first U.S. retrospective of his career.

Fire stats alarming

MA BOSTON — The state fire marshal said that smoke alarms were missing in nearly half of Massachusetts' fatal fires in 2002.

"One-third of these cases were due to disabled smoke alarms. The other two-thirds did not have any smoke alarms at all," said Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan of the 55 fatal fires that year.

"These people mistakenly thought fire wouldn't happen to them."

The total number of fires in 2002, according to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System, was 27,380, down 2 percent from the year before. The reporting system said 62 civilians and one firefighter were killed in those blazes, an increase of 5 percent from 2001.

Smoking continued to be the leading cause of fatal fires, dating back to the 1940s. In 2002, smoking caused 40 percent of fires in Massachusetts, and 39 percent of those that caused fatalities, Coan's office said.

The leading cause of fires in the home in 2002 resulted from cooking and 49 percent of all residential fires originated in the kitchen.

Re-up drop expected

ND BISMARCK — The National Guard expects a 10 percent drop in re-enlistments after units from the state spent a year in Iraq. The Guard now plans to turn its attention to recruiting, which has become more difficult since the war began. Six members of the North Dakota National Guard were killed while serving in Iraq.

Hawaii named in lawsuit

HI HONOLULU — The state has been named in a lawsuit filed by the legal guardians of a 16-year-old girl who was sexually assaulted by a guard at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility. The Circuit Court lawsuit names the Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services, the correctional facility, former guard Lia Oline and two administrators. The lawsuit alleges that the state failed to protect the girl from harm and failed to immediately remove her from the facility after she reported the assault.

Mason schism lasts

NC RALEIGH — North Carolina's white Masons have again chosen to continue a split with their black counterparts, voting against a resolution to officially recognize the state's historically black Masonic group. The schism dates to the days of segregation. Though both groups are open to members of all races, neither officially recognizes that the other exists.

Lobster harvest lagging

ME PORTLAND — The lobster harvest was down sharply this summer and there are no signs the catch will pick up this fall, according to lobstermen and dealers. The catch is estimated to be down 25 percent from last year at this time along different parts of the coast. A strong October could make up

for some of the decline, but the slowdown is increasing fears that the state's 14-year lobster boom may be coming to an end.

Dry month sparks fires

IL BUFFALO — An unusually dry September in central Illinois has sucked so much moisture out of corn and soybean crops, just driving combines over them is sparking small blazes, a University of Illinois crop analyst said. Weather experts say there's little relief in sight. The first chance of rain for the area won't come until the weekend, meteorologist James Auten of the National Weather Service said.

Computer frustrates

CO DENVER — County officials vented their frustrations over a troubled welfare computer in a meeting with Gov. Bill Owens but said they would keep working with the system. The computer has been blamed for delaying food stamps, pension payments, Medicaid and other vital services for hundreds of thousands of people.

Owens ordered computer to go online on Sept. 1 despite pleas from county officials who said it wasn't ready.

Half a dozen county officials met with Owens for an hour and afterward said the old system of distributing benefits was no longer usable.

Police find alcohol stash

KY GREENUP — State police confiscated more than 120 cases of beer and 100 bottles of liquor at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Greenup after troopers were called to break up a fight.

Trooper Elliott Gohlube said the cache of alcohol was visible from the parking lot. Liquor sales aren't permitted in Greenup. He said an investigation is under way, and charges of illegal possession of alcohol could be filed.

Theme park closes

NV INCLINE VILLAGE — Nevada's Ponderosa Ranch has faded into the sunset. The 570-acre Western theme park overlooking Lake Tahoe and made famous by the 1960s television series "Bonanza" shut its gates after nearly four decades.

Thousands of people visited the park for one last snapshot of the Ponderosa and the Bonanza television show that featured the Cartwright family — Ben, Little Joe, Hoss and Adam.

Restructuring proposed

IN INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Joe Kernan proposed sweeping changes that include creating a cabinet position to head Health and Human Services, which would consist of four separate agencies and assume all the duties of the Family and Social Services Administration.

His opponent in the Nov. 2 election, Republican Mitch Daniels, could stop any changes if elected. But Daniels' campaign says he also favors changes to FSSA, including making child protection services a freestanding agency.

Stories and photos from wire services

AFRTS Television Schedule

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00	Stanley The Big Split	Movie "Gone" (1991) Ewan McGregor, Alan Rosenberg	Dr. Phil	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Jumani)	Nightline	College Football Teams to Be Announced	30 Minute Meals	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Jumani)
9:30	Sage-Siamen Cat	A woman discovers her dead son has been born	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Low Carb & Lovin' It	Mucha Lucha
10:00	Arthur (E)		Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune			Design on a Dime	Jeopardy!
10:30	Between the Lions (E)			ESPNews	60 Minutes II		Style Star	Headline News
11:00	Sage-Siamen Cat	Movie *** "Michael Collins" (1996) Liam Neeson, Aidan Quinn. An Irish rebel steps up the fight to break British rule.	General Hospital	Advisory Block	The King of Queens		ET News Live	ESPNews
11:30	Stanley		Headline News	Everybody Loves Raymond	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	The King of Queens	Headline News
12:00	The Wiggles "Dancing"		Judge Judy	Will & Grace			Girlfriends	Will & Grace
12:30	Bob the Builder	Movie *** "Disclosure" (1994) Linda Faye Parker, Don Cheadle. An executive takes unwanted sexual advances from his boss.	Today Robert De Niro, Martin Scorsese	The Bachelor	Good Morning America	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced	Charm'd "Astral Monkey"	The Bachelor
13:30	Dragon Tales (E)			CST: Crime Scene Investigation "Fur and Loathing"			Ally McBeal "The Immortal"	CST: Crime Scene Investigation "Fur and Loathing"
14:00	Blue's Clues		AAAH! Real Monsters	Pacific Report	Headline News		Any Day Now "I'm Not Emotional"	Pacific Report
14:30	Barney & Friends (E)		Headline News	The Tonight Show	Channel One		ER "Loose Ends"	The Tonight Show
15:00	Funnist Home Videos	Movie *** "Jerry Duty" (1995) Comedy! Paula Abdul, Tai Care, Stanley Tucci.	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Late Show	The Early Show	ESPNews	Law & Order "Narcosis"	Late Show
16:00	Pokemon		Headline News	Access Hollywood	FOX News	NFL Live	The Simpsons	Access Hollywood
17:00	Hey Arnold! Thanksgiving	Screen Play	Headline News	The Late Show	60 Minutes II	SportsCenter	One Tree Hill "To Wish Impossible Things"	The Late Show
17:30	Rocket Power	Ebert-Movies	Destinations	Headline News	FOX News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced	The Practice "Convictions"	Headline News
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight	AFN Evening News	Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller		Frontline "Cyber War"	Countdown With Keith Olbermann
18:30	Rugrats	Movie *** "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock. A clumsy FBI agent goes undercover at a beauty pageant.	Will & Grace	The Bachelor	Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Friends	The Hot List
19:00	That's So Raven	Movie *** "The Window Boy" (1999) Nigel Hawthorne. A banker will sacrifice all to prove his son's innocence.	CST: Crime Scene Investigation "Fur and Loathing"	Headline News	Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Headline News
19:30	All That		Headline News	The Tonight Show	Headline News		Around the Horn	Headline News
20:00	Ni Heaven "Bowling for Eric"	Movie *** "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" (1999)	Headline News	Late Show	Headline News		Pardon the Interruption	Headline News
20:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch	Movie *** "The Window Boy" (1999) Nigel Hawthorne. A banker will sacrifice all to prove his son's innocence.	CST: Crime Scene Investigation "Fur and Loathing"	Headline News	Headline News			
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23:00	Home Improvement	Movie *** "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" (1999)	Headline News	Late Show	Headline News			
00:00	Hey Arnold! Contest winner	(11:00) Movie "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me"	Late Show	Access Hollywood	NBC Nightly News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	(11:00) Today Robert De Niro, Martin Scorsese
00:30	Rocket Power	Movie *** "Star Trek: IV: The Voyage Home" (1986, since filmed) William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	ABC World News Tonight		One Tree Hill "To Wish Impossible Things"	Sesame Street (E)
1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants				CBS Evening News	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	The Practice "Convictions"	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)
1:30	Rugrats				Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Frontline "Cyber War"	Wheel of Fortune
2:00	That's So Raven				Dr. Phil	Presidential Debate University of Miami: Presidential candidates discuss issues	Friends	Dr. Phil
2:30	All That				Oprah Winfrey	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Oprah Winfrey
3:00	Ni Heaven "Bowling for Eric"				Headline News	Larry King Live	Breathingspace Yoga	NBC Nightly News
3:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch				Headline News	Baseball Tonight	Caribbean Workout	Judge Judy
4:00	Sesame Street (E)				Headline News		Body Shaping	Access Hollywood
4:30	Sesame Street (E)				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
5:00	Barney & Friends (E)				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
5:30	Blue's Clues				Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Baby Looney Tunes
6:00	Dragon Tales (E)				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
6:30	Bob the Builder				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
7:00	Stanley				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
7:30	Stanley				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
8:00	The Wiggles "Dancing"				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
8:30	Dora the Explorer				Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Baby Looney Tunes
9:00	Stanley "Gotta Steppin'!"				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
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15:30	Full House "Kick Me a Judy"				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
16:00	Pokemon Ash's egg hatches				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 3 of 3)				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
17:00	Hey Arnold!				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
17:30	Rocket Power				Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Baby Looney Tunes
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
18:30	Rugrats				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
19:00	That's So Raven				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
19:30	Weekend Update "Celebrity (E)"				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
20:00	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
20:30	All That Singin' Randy				Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Baby Looney Tunes
21:00	Lizzie McGuire				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
21:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
22:00	Switch Fred Roscoe				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
23:00	The Cosby Show				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
23:30	Home Improvement				Headline News		The View	General Hospital

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2004

00:00	Hey Arnold! Contest winner	(11:00) Movie "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me"	Late Show	Access Hollywood	NBC Nightly News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	(11:00) Today Robert De Niro, Martin Scorsese
00:30	Rocket Power	Movie *** "Star Trek: IV: The Voyage Home" (1986, since filmed) William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	ABC World News Tonight		One Tree Hill "To Wish Impossible Things"	Sesame Street (E)
1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants				CBS Evening News	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	The Practice "Convictions"	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)
1:30	Rugrats				Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Frontline "Cyber War"	Wheel of Fortune
2:00	That's So Raven				Dr. Phil	Presidential Debate University of Miami: Presidential candidates discuss issues	Friends	Dr. Phil
2:30	All That				Oprah Winfrey	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Oprah Winfrey
3:00	Ni Heaven "Bowling for Eric"				Headline News	Larry King Live	Breathingspace Yoga	NBC Nightly News
3:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch				Headline News	Baseball Tonight	Caribbean Workout	Judge Judy
4:00	Sesame Street (E)				Headline News		Body Shaping	Access Hollywood
4:30	Sesame Street (E)				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
5:00	Barney & Friends (E)				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
5:30	Blue's Clues				Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Baby Looney Tunes
6:00	Dragon Tales (E)				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
6:30	Bob the Builder				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
7:00	Stanley				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
7:30	Stanley				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
8:00	The Wiggles "Dancing"				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
8:30	Dora the Explorer				Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Baby Looney Tunes
9:00	Stanley "Gotta Steppin'!"				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
9:30	Sage-Siamen Cat				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
10:00	Arthur (E)				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
10:30	Between the Lions (E)				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
11:00	Sage-Siamen Cat				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
11:30	Stanley				Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Baby Looney Tunes
12:00	Dora the Explorer				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
12:30	The Wiggles "Dancing"				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
13:00	Bob the Builder				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
13:30	Dragon Tales (E)				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
14:00	Blue's Clues				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
14:30	Barney & Friends (E)				Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Baby Looney Tunes
15:00	Funnist Home Videos				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
15:30	Full House "Kick Me a Judy"				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
16:00	Pokemon Ash's egg hatches				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 3 of 3)				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
17:00	Hey Arnold!				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
17:30	Rocket Power				Headline News		Seinfeld "Ogar Sogor Indian"	Baby Looney Tunes
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
18:30	Rugrats				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
19:00	That's So Raven				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
19:30	Weekend Update "Celebrity (E)"				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
20:00	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius				Headline News		The View	General Hospital
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21:00	Lizzie McGuire				Headline News		Breathingspace Yoga	Rocky's Modern Life
21:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch				Headline News		Caribbean Workout	The Fairly OddParents
22:00	Switch Fred Roscoe				Headline News		Body Shaping	Rocky's Modern Life
23:00	The Cosby Show				Headline News		WFLA Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
23:30	Home Improvement				Headline News		The View	General Hospital

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Comedian "out-Regises" Regis

You'd think Regis Philbin is the "Best Regis" — but not according to the Relly Awards.

Instead, comedian **Darrell Hammond**'s impersonation of Philbin was awarded Best Regis in the second annual Rellies, created by the "Live With Regis and Kelly" show, with co-host **Kelly Ripa**, to offset its lack of success in the *Daytime Emmys*.

The winners are decided by viewer votes, but the Rellies are otherwise a fun, mock-award show with statues of a *Coke*®. Stool — a trophy-size version of the seating that accommodates "Live" co-hosts and guests — that go to mostly self-affirming categories such as *Funnist Guest*.

Philbin had difficulty believing someone could be better at being, well, him. In fake anger, he trashed the set of the syndicated talk show when Hammond's name was announced Friday.

Other nominees for Best Regis included impersonations by **Dana Carvey**, **Tom Hanks** and **Kevin Pollack**.



Philbin

Date with an idol nets \$10,099

The winner of an eBay auction for lunch with "American Idol" runner-up **Diana DeGarmo** said he bid \$10,099 for the prize hoping the singer could lend some star power to his nonprofit organization.

Greg Halpern, 46, of Illinois placed the highest of 55 bids for the auction, which ended Friday night and benefits the Partnership Against Child Abuse.

Halpern said he wanted to bring attention to his group, People for Ultimate Kindness Toward All Living Creatures on Earth, which helps people and agencies find grant money so they can solve problems such as obesity and abuse.

Halpern said he'd like to speak with DeGarmo to gauge her interest in getting involved in his organization, although he would probably give the lunch to someone more deserving.

"Maybe what I'll do, I'll keep that lunch intact, schedule a date and go find an abused child that loves singing and would appreciate that lunch. That could be a lifetime opportunity," Halpern said.

Under the auction rules, up to four people can attend the lunch.

Famous guitarists pay tribute to Strat

Famous guitarists such as **Ron Wood** of the Rolling Stones, **Brian May** of Queen and the Eagles' **Joe Walsh** played at London's Wembley Arena in a concert celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Fender Stratocaster.

When he took the stage at the outdoor concert Friday night, **David Gilmour** of Pink Floyd brought some of the packed crowd to its feet by playing the first-ever Fender-made 001 model of the guitar.

The concert, which raised money for the Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy charity, also featured guitarists **Hank Marvin** of the Shadows, **Gary Moore** of *Roxy Music* and **Genesis' Mike Rutherford**.

They made up a collaboration of big Stratocaster-playing figures in the history of rock 'n' roll spanning five decades.

Keillor to host award ceremony

NEW YORK — Garrison Keillor, the humorist and best-selling author, will host this year's National Book Awards ceremony.

"I am thrilled to be the emcee of the National Book Awards ceremony, a big night in the book world, when you get to see distinguished authors feign nonchalance though they're all giddy and sweaty and their hearts are pounding," Keillor said in a statement Monday released by the awards' sponsor, the National Book Foundation.

"Someday I hope to feign nonchalance myself, and meanwhile I'm thrilled to be the emcee."

The awards ceremony will take place Nov. 17 in New York.

Keillor's many books include "Lake Wobegon Days" and "The Old Man Who Loved Cheese." He also is host of the radio program "A Prairie Home Companion," which airs on public stations around the country.



Keillor

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Katie Holmes is coping

BY NANCY MILLS
New York Daily News

The gossip-mongers had just reported that "Dawson's Creek" star Katie Holmes had told her fiancé, actor **Chris Klein**, "I need more space," and thus they were splitting up. Turns out they were discussing buying a house.

"People talk about you, and what can you do?" Holmes, 25, shrugs. "It's like high school times one thousand."

The celebrity spotlight also shines on her character in "First Daughter," opening Friday. Playing President Michael Keaton's only child, she has to cope with Secret Servicemen guarding her college dorm room, reporters chasing her around campus and students more interested in her title than who she is.

"Being in the public eye can be isolating," Holmes says. "It's hard to make friends easily. That's why I'm always on the phone with my family, trying not to think about my image."

"Part of being the youngest [of four] is that I was born with the courage to stand out because everyone else had done it already," she says. "I had to find something different."

Holmes' image is squeaky clean, though she protests that it's not wholly accurate. She grew up in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of a lawyer and a homemaker, snagged her first movie, "The Ice Storm," while still in high school, and then landed on "Dawson's Creek."

As **Joey Potter**, the lovelorn tomboy and best friend of **James Van Der Beek's** Dawson Leery, Holmes spent six years in Wilmington, N.C., where the show was shot. Their very teenage relationship formed the emotional hook of the popular series.

"It was very difficult for me to leave Wilmington, to have my little glass bubble burst and move on," she says. "I hate change. On the other hand, it was refreshing to play someone else."

That someone else is the president's daughter — poised and awkward, obedient and defiant, glib and wise.

"Katie is still accessible to young girls, but she's truly a woman," says her "First Daughter" director, **Forest Whitaker**.

"She's someone people care about and want to follow. She's not afraid to make fun of herself, and she has good comic timing."

The movie gives Holmes a chance to play an American princess, complete with beautiful dresses, ballroom dancing and happy endings.

But it's also a topical story, she says. "With all the attention on **Chelsea Clinton** and the **Bush girls**, it's a great background for the coming of age of a young girl," she says. "But this is much more of a girl's journey toward independence than 'First Daughter Goes to College.'" Holmes, who got engaged to Klein last Christmas, has already taken that journey.

"I didn't have the experience of going to college," she says.

"But for six years on 'Dawson's Creek,' I was in a high-pressure situation by myself, without having family around. That caused me to be less dependent on others."

Holmes soon decided to be the good girl.

"Fame came so quickly to the four of us ['Dawson's Creek' colleagues **Michelle Williams**, **Van Der Beek** and **Joshua Jackson**]," she says. "At first, we all resisted the idea of being role models, but young people watched us and looked up to us."

Holmes says there could be a "Dawson's Creek" reunion movie someday, but she would like to go to her high school's 10-year reunion first.

"I'm aware that some people may still be watching," she says, "but I just try to be a happy person. Fame doesn't

really change you. It brings out who you are."

Holmes plays a good girl again in the upcoming prequel "Batman Begins," opposite **Christian Bale**. "My character works in the District Attorney's office and was Bruce Wayne's good friend growing up," she says.

Holmes won't say whether she has a wedding date set. The longer the delay, she knows, the more room for speculation. But her other priority, having moved to Los Angeles, is staying grounded.

"Fame and adoration can be addicting," she says. "I like people to like me, so I have to really watch that. I call my mom a lot."

Actress Katie Holmes arrives for the InStyle magazine and Warner Bros. party after the 61st annual Golden Globe Awards on Jan. 25 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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'Ugly American' returns

I was a civilian employee of the Department of Defense in Germany during the 1980s, and now read the online Stars and Stripes regularly to follow the overseas military culture that is so important to me. I was flabbergasted to read quotes from retired Army Lt. Col. Ralph Peters in the article "Author's column irks Germany" (Sept. 23) in which he demeaned the character of the German people in their interactions with the U.S. military, going so far as to suggest that, "This just proves they still have a deep fascist streak."

My experience with the German people was an almost universally positive one. I observed or experienced the occasional exasperation, but certainly no more than I would have experienced in any country, including the United States. The kindness shown to me by the Germans I met is a cherished part of my life.

Peters seems to extrapolate from the behavior of a few that all Germans are the same. This mean-spirited view is contrary to a common-sense understanding of human nature, and again could be deduced of any culture if one were inclined toward such a dark world view and a need to place blame.

His diatribe tells us much more about his character than about the character of the German people. In a age when the people of the world need one another more than ever, Peters is the kind of xenophobic knucklehead who made the term "ugly American" part of the world's lexicon.

Dennis Fisher

Morris, Ill.

Germans support Americans

Does anybody remember the overwhelming support of the German population following the attack of 9/11? For weeks after the attack, big demonstrations were conducted in almost every town in the area around Grafenwöhr. There were memorials at every gate going into our top. People—including Germans—were crying and praying for those who lost their lives in that fateful day. German police were at all housing areas off post, constantly patrolling the streets. As for myself and my family—we live in a very remote area—the police were outside our door keeping us safe.

The German military is smaller by far than the U.S. Army. But the German army is committed to Kosovo and has increased its numbers in Afghanistan. That was done to release U.S. soldiers so they could go and fight in Iraq. That sounds like support to me. And the German military assumed the duties of guarding American installations and are still at some today, helping keep America's military and families safe. How is that for support?

[Ralph Peters] does not understand why the German military chooses to pull out of the Land Combat Expo. I think it is very simple. They would anyone want to be there, knowing that they will be downgraded and humiliated? I do not blame the Germans. The one who should have pulled out of the Land Combat Expo is Mr. Peters.

Joe Livingston

Grafenwöhr, Germany

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Free to speak foolishly

One would think that a well-educated and experienced soldier such as retired Lt. Col. Ralph Peters would have enough intelligence and maturity that he would never make such ill-informed, biased, and childish statements as he has in his New York Post column about German employees.

Apparently some German employee somewhere, sometime, said or did something that he didn't agree with and now he is using his "status" to get even. It makes me think of a bratty child who throws a tantrum when something doesn't go his way. Was this his unprofessional and biased while serving on active duty? If so, how did he get away with it?

He does have the right to free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment. He used this right to make extremely stupid statements and to show the world his true character.

Dennis Swain

Schweinfurt, Germany

Right to close overseas bases

I usually don't agree with many of the Bush administration's policies, but I like the idea of the Pentagon closing about one-third of U.S. military bases overseas.

I don't support a *Pax Americana* where the U.S. military is the "world's policeman." We should only have military bases in foreign countries if their citizens approve—and their governments pay the salaries and expenses of our troops. Otherwise, we should bring our troops home to protect our borders.

Chuck Mann

Greensboro, N.C.

Thanks to servicemembers

To U.S. servicemembers: All of America will always be in your debt. Because of your service and sacrifice of being in harm's way, we have not had an attack on the homeland since 9/11. I believe in all sincerity that if it were not for you taking the fight to them, these indoctrinated Iraq insurgent combatants would be

attacking us on the homeland. And instead of hundreds of fallen U.S. troops, we would have buried tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of U.S. civilians by now.

It is only because the insurgents are preoccupied with keeping a democracy from being established in the heart of the jihad terrorist world that they don't do it. We would have the resources to expend on attacking America. It is my opinion that as you guys keep tightening the noose and the enemy realizes that the objectives of keeping Iraq from becoming a democracy is a lost cause, the remnants will shift their focus to attacking the homeland. Hopefully by the time you get done with them, they will not have much left to attack with.

The Cold War lasted from 1945 through 1991, and I think this war against terrorism is going to be as long. We won the Cold War with the American media hammering away at it. But those of us who served knew in our hearts what the tragic result would have been had we stood down from the Soviets. As I stood watch over Minuteman III missile silos in the prairie land of Wyoming, I prayed along with millions of Americans that this one shot that would not have to be taken. I thank God that the blast doors never opened and the missiles stayed in the ground.

I wish somehow the war on terror could be as clean, but it is not—so thousands of lives so millions of us can live another day.

Out of dozens of movies Hollywood produced about the Vietnam soldier, it managed to get it right just once, in "We Were Soldiers." If you get a chance, watch it or read the book. The movie depicts the exact tactics I was trained to use in the '70s, and I thank God that I was never called on to use the training I received.

Stephen R. Jelinek

Sheboygan, Wis.

We want our NFL

Could someone please identify the programming director for sports for American Forces Network, and fire the person? For the last few weeks with the start of America's favorite sport, NFL football, soldiers here in the desert have had to endure tennis, European golf (free-broadcast), Davis Cup tennis preliminary rounds and drag racing instead of NFL games.

How un-American is that?

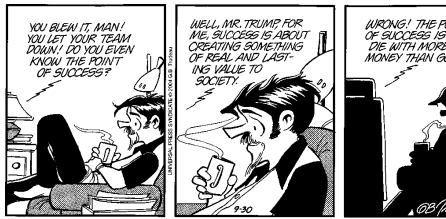
I know that we are limited to what we see on television here. I also know that AFN has the resources to broadcast major sporting events. AFN can safely assume that the 130,000 troops here want to watch their football instead of that other stuff. Out of 32 games played the first two weeks of the season, we were privileged to get two games with "Monday Night Football" being broadcast (delayed) some time on Wednesday morning.

Stop the madness. Troop morale is on the line.

1st Sgt. Mark E. Landon

Logistical Support Area Anacoda, Iraq

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

U.S. voters know enough to make an impact

Voters don't know too about public affairs, say any number of commentators. The evidence they cite is other than sparse.

Surveys show most Americans have no idea who represents them in Congress. Large numbers think the Constitution prohibits employment to those who want it. Forget it if you think many can tell you who the Supreme Court's chief justice is. Ask voters about a prescription-drug bill passed this year, and 70 percent draw a blank.

The ignorance is truly overwhelming, and so is the moment's fretting about it. After all, Nov. 2 is bearing down on us. Good grief, think the Kerry supporters, the fools out there may give the presidential prize to George W. Bush. Heaven help us, think the Bush supporters, the idiots may be taken in by John Forbes Kerry.

But if the anxiety is high-pitched because of an Election Day heftily described as hugely important, there is nothing new about democracy-doubting. Scoot back to the 1920s, for instance, and there you find the great journalist Walter Lippmann worrying about all those Americans who are "blameless, grossly neurotic, undernourished and frustrated." It seemed to him that the "stream of public opinion is stopped by them in little eddies of misunderstanding, where it is discolored with prejudice and far-fetched analogy."

The average American, he is quoted as

saying, has no idea of what is happening in public affairs, doesn't care and is therefore easy picking for "the quack, the charlatan, the jingo."

Was Lippmann himself, then, incapable of error? Of course not. Flubs pursued even this brilliant man. Nor should anyone suppose his briefly entertained solution was on target: the creation of "intelligence bureaus" of social scientists who would figure things out and inform the public of the truth.

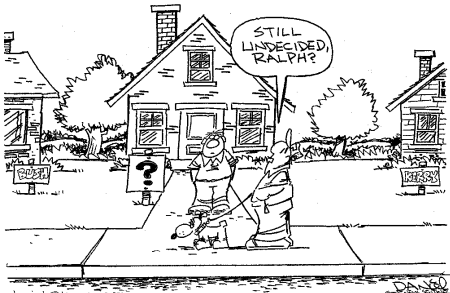
In a sense, we now have those bureaus—we call them think tanks—and what they regularly prove is that experts can be as much a captive of ideological prejudice as non-experts. These experts regularly disagree with each other, meaning that some of them must be regularly wrong, although right and wrong in politics is not the same as in arithmetic.

And, by the way, some rather convincing social scientists have been saying in recent years that the public is rational—that voters can, in fact, be trusted.

Two big names on the issue are Benjamin Page and Robert Shapiro. I discovered through electronic-library research. They examined massive amounts of data from 1935 to 1990, and their conclusion is that public opinion taken as a whole is coherent. Most Americans buy into a consistent scheme of values. They do take note of news and react intelligently to it.

Still other respected statistical explorers contend that voters in the aggregate have a grasp of social realities and a concept of the common good. Over time, these voters figure out what works and vote that way.

But not always. Democracy is a great good, but scarcely infallible. As the 19th-century philosopher John Stuart Mill helped ex-



plain, majority rule is a form of public self-protection: Those in power should be "delegates" to the people, "removable at their pleasure," because government might otherwise abuse its ability to prey on them. Mill simultaneously understood that the majority itself can be tyrannical. The greater number can oppress the smaller number.

What to do? In the United States, we have found some answers. We have a Bill of Rights in the Constitution, and consequently it takes more than a simple majority to steal our liberties. We have checks and balances. And most of our policy decisions are made through representatives in legislative bodies, not by a vote of citizens

focused on their own jobs and lives.

The British statesman Edmund Burke knew in 1774 what we keep rediscovering—that these representatives should reject the role of mirror to a public that may be lost on given issues. "Your representative," he said, "owes you, not his industry only, but judgment, and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

A better educated public? Sure. We all want that. But let's keep in mind as we hope for such advances that the public is rather reliable as is, and that we have so hedged democracy as to keep ourselves safe from ourselves when majority opinion goes awry.

Jay Ambrose is director of editorial policy for Scripps Howard Newspapers.

‘This column brought to you by Snickers’ isn’t funny

Let us now skewer a new advertising-industry technique for so thoroughly concealing itself as to trick us into believing some ads don't exist. The trickery I'm referring to is called "product placement."

The average American consumer is pounded daily by ads in newspapers, on television, on radio, at bus stops and train stations, via roadside billboards, in Internet pop-ups, and recorded, telemarketing spiels. Ads, ads—they're everywhere. But a much more venal form of capitalism's unwanted stepchild (the relentless pitch) has grown in use and efficacy to the point where advertising as we know it is falling from favor.

Product placement is a more venal (and subliminal) pitch mode.

Advertisers traditionally procure an annoying but nonetheless legitimate marketing segment that is separate and distinct from the entertainment vehicle in which it airs. Now, advertisers have found they might penetrate your subconscious all the more stealthily by placing products in the content portions of those programs.

This mendacious trend apparently started in the movies. One of the earliest examples dates back a half-century when, HowStuffWorks.com notes, "Gordon's Gin paid to have Katharine Hepburn's character in 'The African Queen' toss loads of its product overboard. Since then, there have been countless placements in movies."

In fact, surreptitious sales pitches are so ubiquitous, the trailer for the movie "Josie

and the Pussycats" spoofed the practice. It squeezed "placed" products from all the following companies into a two-minute time frame, according to HowStuffWorks.com: "America Online, American Express, Bebe, Billboard Magazine, Bugles, Campbell's Soup, Coke, Entertainment Weekly Magazine, Evian, Ford, Gatorade, Kodak, Krispy Kreme, McDonald's, Milky Way, Motorola, Pepperidge Farm Cookies, Pizza Hut, Pringles, Puma, Ray-Ban, Sega, Starbucks, Steve Madden, Target and T.J. Maxx."

Not all placements are purchased. Some come in exchange for providing a studio or network with props at the last minute. Yes, so cunning and sadly successful is the scheme, it has expanded beyond Hollywood. At least in movies, it could be argued, no consumer so much as expects reality, honest or even, most times, intellectual rigor.

Now advertisers are venturing into other

media. A recent Wall Street Journal interview promoted a rising network executive star who gushed shamelessly about her cross-platform product-placement powers (the woman is in charge of placing products on a variety of co-owned broadcast and cable networks as well as other media).

Call me crazy, but I prefer to know when I'm some ad agency's target of opportunity. I need to know so I can ignore the message, vent my resentment and go out of my way not to patronize the brand or product that invaded my space. I need to know so I can buy the generic version (if one's available).

Then I'm secure in the knowledge no one's exaggerated the capabilities of my small-dollar purchase (cleans all surfaces, relieves cold symptoms, etc.). I rest easier knowing my money is not subsidizing the exorbitant salary of some Madison Avenue sorcerer who is owed as little toward that prod-

uct's success as the Wizard of Oz was for getting Dorothy back to Kansas and we all know the curtain was pulled on the Wizard's lame shamanics, too).

Major advertisers are beginning to understand that consumers don't trust ads. Some are shifting resources toward more hidden product placement or feel-good promotion.

The Gallup Organization noted in a 2002 Web posting, "There is mounting evidence that leading companies may be questioning the role of advertising and the amounts they have been spending on it."

As that happens, we as consumers and as targets need to be on guard for the barrage of hidden sales pitches, so we can insure ourselves to them, as we are insuring ourselves to the obvious ones.

TV host Bonnie Erbe writes this column for Scripps Howard News Service.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Horoscope

The Taurus moon provides much-needed grounding. It's easy to get carried away by dreamy possibilities, which actually serve a high purpose. But a dream is nothing without a task, and a task is useless without a dream. So make sure you've got both. If you're not sure what to do next, get 10 ideas from 10 friends, and see if any of those fit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(September 30) Big changes are ahead, especially in the way you make your money. You're learning more about your strengths and talents and are able to attract new ways to put those gifts to use. Commit to long-term plans in the next three weeks. Through October and November, romance is high intensity, teaching you much about your own nature.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You'll be adding to your life, most likely in a material way. Your excellent taste will help you discern between your options — there are so many. Others might be overwhelmed by the choices, but not you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Showing respect to your elders is the key to gaining position in a family or company. Of course, you can't please everyone, but you sure will try. Fussy individuals may be ill or having personal problems. Be compassionate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) It's one of those cut-off days when you feel you simply can't go one day more with a situation the way it currently stands. There's no need for drastic measures because you can make a major difference with a minor move.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You're growing more attached to someone — you think of this person before you make decisions. Be careful not to give away your power. It's possible to grow close and actually become more powerful in your own right, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

A change of scene is featured — just when you were starting to get bored.

Don't worry. A wealth of drama lies ahead. Of course, you always have the option of staying completely out of it (and seldom choose that option).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You may find yourself laboring over the simplest of choices, and rightly so. Decisions you make now deserve to be thought through completely. Consult a friend before any selections are made or agreements reached.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

That long project you've been working on seems to have taken over your entire life, but the end of it is in sight. Remedy any neglect you've suffered lately by taking it easy and sleeping as much as you really need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Get worries out of your head and onto paper. The same goes for all of those little tasks that crop up: errands, things people have requested by and phone calls. More time spent planning will help you spend less time doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Friends are a huge help. You don't even have to ask; all you have to do is mention what you need. By the same token, be careful to accept only as much as you require and be extremely grateful. Manners count.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Many people couldn't deal with the level of business you're accustomed to. The way you keep the cards and figures straight in your head is truly amazing. You're an adviser to friends and family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your breezy attitude will attract people who want to be like you. You have no idea how chaotic some people's minds get. Maybe you won't be able to teach others to have peace like you do, but you can still be a calming influence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

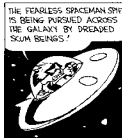
There's a whimpy in your personality that is irresistible to many. When you're in a playful mood, there isn't a soul who wouldn't like to join in. Choose your company wisely, or your mood will suddenly shift to hay-don't-fail.

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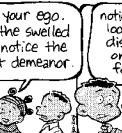
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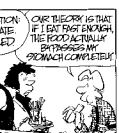
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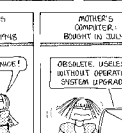
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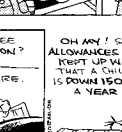
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHOULD A POOCH THAT DECIDES TO BECOME A U.S. PRESIDENT BE NAMED ROVER CLEVELAND?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals L

Switching genders a tough road

Dear Abby: I have a medical condition known as gender identity disorder — more commonly called transsexualism. I have prayed every night ever since I was a young boy that God would turn me into a girl. During my teens and into adulthood, I learned to live with the constant pain of pretending to be a man when, really, all I wanted was to live my life as a woman. However, earlier this year I began the gradual process to transition from male to female.



Dear Abby

to live the rest of my life as a woman. How to tell them, and what to tell them, is causing me great distress. Any advice you can offer would be appreciated. — "Libby" in the Valley

Dear "Libby": Tell them exactly what you have told me.

Explain that this is not a whim, but the actualization of something you have felt since you were a child. Tell them that making this change has been so difficult that it has cost you years of depression, ineffective medications, hospitalization and repeated thoughts of suicide.

Your parents and children are bound to be shocked, so be prepared for it. Answer their questions and concerns honestly.

Dear Abby: Veterans and their families might be interested to know about a new Web site: www.govbenefits.gov. It's government-sponsored, and organizes

500 federal and state benefit programs, targeting citizens into one single site. Veterans can log on, answer a few anonymous questions and find out which benefits they may be eligible to receive. It's also a helpful site for case workers, relatives or caregivers.

I answered the questions for my grandfather, a World War II veteran from 1941-'45, and discovered 21 benefit programs for which he might be eligible.

— Keith Nelson, Washington, D.C.

Dear Keith: Bless you for sharing this information with my readers. Upon further investigation, I learned that www.govbenefits.gov was created by the U.S. Department of Labor, with contributions by 10 federal agencies and several states. (There is at least one benefit in every state.) The site also includes a Spanish language version: www.govbenefits.gov/es.

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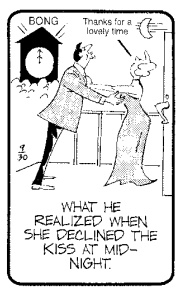
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Answer: THE " " WAS " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: SWOON PERKY SEPTIC JACKAL

Answer: When she was "taken" by her friend's beau she was reminded that he — WAS "TAKEN"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Friend short on discussion etiquette

Dear Annie: I have a friend who cannot refrain from trying to start a private, two-person conversation while there already is a lively group conversation in progress. I also work with "Ruth," and even during meetings, she tries to start a conversation with the person sitting next to her. There never has been a meeting where her name is not sharply spoken in order to bring her focus back to the group. She never seems embarrassed about the reprimand, nor is she apologetic.

Annie's Mailbox



have taken to thwarting her interruptions by saying, "I'm sorry, but I can only follow one conversation at a time." I did this twice in one day, and she looked shocked and distressed.

Ruth is in her 50s, and I suspect she has ADD. I casually mentioned the possibility to her (as if I suffered from it), and we reviewed an online list of symptoms together. Although she has 90 percent of the symptoms listed, Ruth was not impressed and shrugged off the information. If I am any more direct, I'm afraid I will lose her friendship.

After 20 years of knowing this woman, she has not changed her behavior. Do you have any suggestions or advice?

— Polite Conversationalist in Boston

Dear Polite: Ruth may not realize she is being inappropriate, but over time, she has no doubt irritated people who are professionally and personally important to her. You were smart to frame her problem as if you also had one, so don't give up yet.

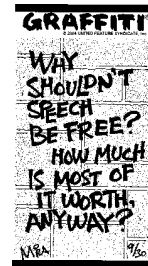
You would be doing Ruth a favor by pointing out that interruptions of this sort unintentionally alienate people, and it would be in her best interest to concentrate more on being part of the group conversation. Admit conspiratorially that this takes a lot of effort, and give her some pointers that you've "picked up." (P.S.: If you don't have the gumption to do this, be prepared to put up with her interruptions forever.)

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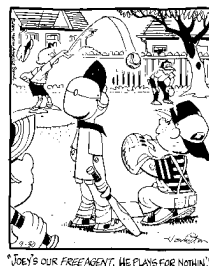
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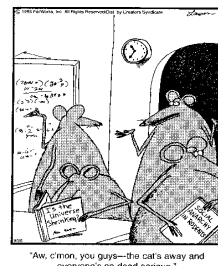
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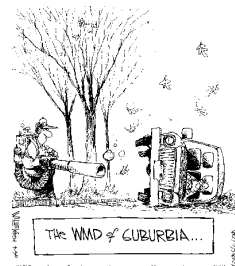
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Colts receiver Reggie Wayne has become a threat to any defense that focuses too much on Marvin Harrison.

Colts, Manning score big with triple option offense

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Marvin Harrison always draws the most attention from opponents. Now the Indianapolis Colts' other receivers are getting in on the action.

With Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley emerging as options for Peyton Manning, defenses are left with a confounding choice. Take Harrison out of the game, and Wayne and Stokley can beat you. Try to defend all three and Harrison can get loose.

"There's only so many people you can take away, and whatever you take away, there are certain things you're not going to take away," Stokley said. "They're not going to take away me, they're going to try to take away Marvin."

The Colts' high-scoring offense has always created matchup problems. But by handing Manning, last year's co-MVP, the deepest and most experienced receiving corps he's had in seven NFL seasons, the Colts (2-1) have suddenly become even tougher.

Wayne, a first-round pick in 2001, has become a threat to any defense that focuses too much on Harrison, the NFL's most consistent receiver. In three weeks, Wayne has already produced two 100-yard games and trails only Pittsburgh's Hines Ward in yards received (346-345).

If there were questions about Wayne's talent, he answered

them in a victory over Green Bay on Sunday.

While the Packers focused on Harrison, Wayne broke free with 11 receptions for 184 yards — both career highs — and one touchdown.

He just missed a second TD when Manning overthrew him after he'd beat the Packers' secondary again.

"It's exciting when you throw the ball 22 times in a row," Wayne said Monday. "You never get tired, especially when you're getting quite a few of them thrown your way."

Stokley has added a critical over-the-middle presence and doubles as a big-play threat.

After missing most of the first 13 games last year because of a foot injury and concussion, Stokley now has nine TD catches in the Colts' past nine games, counting the playoffs.

On Sunday, when Harrison was limited to five catches for 65 yards and one touchdown, Stokley hauled in eight passes for 110 yards and two TDs.

The internal competition is both fierce and friendly.

"When Stokley has one TD, he wants two more," backup receiver Aaron Moorehead said. "When Marvin has one, he wants another. That's how it is with these guys."

Beyond the big three, the Colts have even more options.

Troy Walters was coming off his best season and was expected

to play a bigger role this year until he broke his right arm during a preseason loss to the New York Jets. The Colts have not placed them on injured reserve, hoping they can get the small speedster back in action for a late playoff run.

At 6-foot-3, Moorehead gives Manning a jump-ball threat, and Brad Pyatt, another second-year receiver, may be the fastest of the bunch. He's been a solid kickoff returner, but with so much talent in front of him, has had few chances to catch passes.

The anchor, of course, is Harrison — a five-time Pro Bowler who is the only NFL receiver with four straight 100-catch seasons. He's closing in on 800 career receptions and, in his ninth NFL season, has shown no signs of slowing down.

His 22 receptions are tied with Ward for the AFC lead.

"We're very versatile, and we've got a lot of guys in a lot of areas who can do most things," Harrison said last month. "When you have someone like him [Wayne], people look at me and prepare for me, but then it's hard to focus on one player."

Harrison is in the final year of his contract, but he's unlikely to become a free agent. The Colts could keep him by using their franchise tag to ensure that at least two components of the Colts' triplets — Manning, Harrison and Edgerrin James — remain intact.

James also is in the final year of his contract.



REBOARD

AFN & Radio

Thursday

AFN-Sports, 1300 a.m. — Baseball: San Francisco at San Diego.

AFN-Sports, 1300 a.m. — College football: Rice at Texas (Ind.).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m. — Baseball: Colorado at Los Angeles (Ind.).

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m. — Baseball: Anaheim at Texas.

Friday

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m. — Baseball: Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees.

AFN-Atlantic, 1300 a.m. — College football: Navy at Air Force.

AFN-Sports, 430 a.m. — Baseball: Colorado at Los Angeles (Ind. in progress).

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — Golf: World Cup Championship, American Express Championship, first round (Ind.).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m. — College football: Pittsburgh at Connecticut (Ind.).

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. — College football: Navy at Air Force (Ind.).

AFN-Sports, 9 p.m. — Baseball: Atlanta at Chicago Cubs.

All times Central European Time; Ind. indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Some radio broadcasts not available in all areas. Visit www.afn.net for more information.

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

X-Columbus **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **GA** 27
MetroStars **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **GA** 27
New England **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **GA** 27

Western Conference

Kansas City **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **GA** 27
Los Angeles **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **GA** 27
New York **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **GA** 27

MLS Cup, Oct. 6

Columbus at Detroit
New England at D.C. United
Dallas at Los Angeles

MLS Cup, Oct. 13

Kansas City at San Jose

Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **PA** 27
New York **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **PA** 27
New Jets **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **PA** 27

South

Jacksonville **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **PA** 27
Indianapolis **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **PA** 27
Houston **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **PA** 27

North

Baltimore **W** 1 **L** 1 **Pct** .45 **PA** 27
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Sunday's games

Atlanta at Arizona
Philadelphia 30, Detroit 13
N.Y. Giants 27, Cleveland 10
Houston 24, Kansas City 10
New Orleans 28, St. Louis 25, OT
Jacksonville 15, Tennessee 12
Baltimore 22, Cincinnati 9
Minnesota 27, Chicago 27
Denver 23, San Diego 31
Pittsburgh 45, Green Bay 31
Seattle 34, San Francisco 0
Pittsburgh 15, Miami 3
Oakland 30, Tampa Bay 20
Carolina

Dallas 21, Washington 16
Sunday, Oct. 1
Oakland at Houston
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N.Y. Giants at Green Bay
Cincinnati at St. Louis

New England at Buffalo
Indianapolis at Cleveland
Washington at Pittsburgh
Atlanta at Carolina
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis

Tennessee at San Diego
Dallas at Tampa Bay
St. Louis at Dallas
Sunday, Oct. 4
Kansas City at Baltimore

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14. Northwest, Mich. 5-0 302 15
15. St. Cloud State, Minn. 5-0 282 16
16. Central Missouri St. 4-1 259 16
17. Tulewage, Ariz. 4-1 242 17
18. East Stroudsburg, Pa. 4-0 186 23
19. Kansas St., Kan. 4-0 186 23
20. Central Arkansas 4-1 120 19
21. Western Ky. 4-0 112 20
22. Michigan Tech 4-0 112 20
23. Wayne St., Mich. 4-0 66 24
24. Colorado State of Mines 5-0 64 24
25. South Dakota 4-1 31 25

Division II Top 25

Through Sept. 26

1. Mount Union, Ohio (SB) 3-0 996 1
2. Ohio, Ohio (C) 2-0 912 2
3. Wheaton, Ill. 3-0 863 3
4. Middlebury, Mass. 3-0 803 4
5. Hardin-Simmons, Texas 3-0 785 5
6. Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio 3-0 721 6
7. Wis.-La Crosse 1-1 677 8
8. Trinity, Texas 4-0 670 9
9. St. John's, Minn. 3-1 626 11
10. Whitewater, Wis. 3-0 625 12
11. Hampden-Sydney, Va. 3-0 545 13
12. Whitewater, Wis. 3-0 495 14
13. Wash. & Jefferson, Pa. 4-0 492 14
14. Montclair St., N.J. 2-0 423 16
15. Wis.-Stevens Point 2-1 325 21
17. Johns Hopkins, Md. 3-0 332 22
18. Washburn, Ind. 3-0 277 23
19. Salisbury, Md. 3-0 241 24
20. Bowdoin, Me. 3-0 237 25
21. Wooster, Ohio 3-0 225 25
22. Wartburg, Iowa 4-0 131 26
23. St. John Fisher, N.Y. 4-0 131 26
24. Luther, Wisc. 3-0 109 27
25. Wis.- Eau Claire 2-1 109 25

Boxing

Through Sept. 30

At Manhattan Center, New York, Sechew Powell, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. George Armenta, Silver Spring, Md., 10, junior middleweights.

At Grand Olympic, Los Angeles, Roberto Andrade, La Habra, Calif., vs. Vitali Kopitko, Ukraine, 10, super middleweights.

At Grand Olympic, Los Angeles, Erikue Orellana, La Habra, Calif., vs. Christian Cruz, Concord, Calif., 10, super middleweights.

At Trump 29, Las Vegas, Steve Gonzalez, Steve Forbes, Las Vegas, vs. Steve Gonzalez, Palm Springs, Calif., 10, super middleweights.

At Madison Square Garden, New York, Felix Trinidad, Puerto Rico, vs. Ricardo Mayaguez, Nicaragua, 12, middleweights.

At Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, Vladimir Klitschko, Ukraine, vs. Davy Williams, Denver, 10, heavyweights.

At Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, Verno Phillips, Denver, vs. Kassim Verno Phillips, Denver, 10, heavyweights.

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Purse: \$380,000 (net, Series)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

First Round

John Tapscrow, San Antonio, vs. Jeff Johnson, Luton, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-4

Janio Nietten (C), Czech Republic, def. Bjorn Hugh, Germany, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4

Jan Novak (C), Czech Republic, def. Lee Hyeung-Tak, Taiwan, 6-2, 6-2

Wang Yifan (C), Australia, def. Lee Hyeung-Tak, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-3

Richard Mied (C), Brazil, def. Alexander Pusch, Austria, 6-4, 6-3

Corona, Spain, 6-3, 6-3

Tomás Berdych (C), Czech Republic, def. Oscar Hernandez, Spain, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-3

Nicolas Maudet (C), Chile, def. David Sanchez, Spain, 6-3, 6-2

Second Round

Jan Monaco, Argentina, def. Fernando Verdusco (C), Spain, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3

David Ferrer (C), Spain, def. Alex Calatrava, Spain, 3-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2

Nikolay Davydenko (C), Russia, def. Marc Lopez, Spain, 6-1, 6-4

Third Round

Galo Blanco, Spain, def. Alessio Di Mauro, Italy, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2

Jan Monaco, Argentina, def. Alberto Montañes, Spain, 6-2, 6-3

Nikolay Davydenko (C), Russia, def. Victor Hănescu, Romania, 6-4, 6-4

Potito Starace, Italy, def. Richard Gasquet, France, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-1

Fourth Round

At El Niño, Spain

Purse: \$170,000 (Tier II)

First Round

Karolina Spasova, Croatia, 6-4, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-4, 6-4

Second Round

Denisa Chiriac, Romania, 6-4, def. Silvia Farina Elia (C), Italy, 6-4, 6-2

Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, 6-4, def. Maria Sanchez-Lorenzo, Spain, 6-4, 6-3

Third Round

Francesca Schiavone (C), Italy, def. Maria Santangelo, Italy, 6-2, 6-0

Silvia Farina Elia (C), Italy, def. Tatjana Perebylinskaya, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-1

Maria Sanchez-Lorenzo, Spain, def. Claudia Baccani, Germany, 6-4, 6-3

Liliana Dinulescu, Czech Republic, def. Capucine Rousseau, France, 6-4, 6-3

Maddalena Faganello, Italy, def. Lucy-Lee Waters, United States, 6-3, 6-3

Denisa Chiriac, Romania, def. Tatjana Perebylinskaya, Ukraine, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4

Fourth Round

Tatjana Perebylinskaya, Ukraine, def. Lucy-Lee Waters, United States, 6-3, 6-3

Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, def. Tatjana Perebylinskaya, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-3

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Auto racing



A.J. Feeley, above, has thrown two TD passes, five interceptions and completed 55 of 97 passes for 523 yards since replacing Jay Fiedler midway through Miami's opener. Fiedler reportedly will start Sunday.

Punchless Dolphins turn to Fiedler again

BY STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Jay Fiedler will replace A.J. Feeley at quarterback and start for the winless Miami Dolphins against the New York Jets on Sunday, a team source told The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

That's not the only lineup change: The Dolphins placed running back Lamar Gordon on injured reserve with a dislocated shoulder, which means he's out for the season.

Feeley has thrown two touchdown passes and five interceptions since supplanting Fiedler at halftime of the Dolphins' opener. Miami is 0-3 for the first time since 1969, and last in the NFL in scoring with 23 points.

Fiedler will rejoin a lineup that has endured weekly shakeups.

Both quarterbacks have operated behind a patchwork line, and with the loss of Gordon, the Dolphins are on their fifth running

back since July, when Ricky Williams retired.

Running back Leonard Henry, a third-year pro who made his NFL debut Sunday, is expected to start against the Jets (2-0).

Fiedler, a starter the past four seasons, is more experienced and more mobile than Feeley. But Fiedler lost his job by throwing two interceptions in the first half of the opener against Tennessee. After that game, coach Dave Wannstedt said he would go week to week deciding on a starting quarterback.

Feeley, a former Philadelphia backup acquired in a trade in March, is 55 of 97 for 523 yards this season. In Sunday's 13-3 loss to Pittsburgh, he threw two interceptions, lost a fumble on a sack and drew criticism from Wannstedt for failing to convert a sack with 2 inches needed on fourth down.

"A.J.'s young," Wannstedt said Monday. "Every game is a new adventure for him. It's a learning process."

No panic for coaches stuck at 0-3

BY CHARLES BRICKER

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Two Super Bowl-winning coaches are 0-3, but, as you might expect, there isn't

a hint of panic from either man, or any recriminations directed at his players or bloodthirsty reporters.

One of the attributes of a great coach is the ability to hold a team together through the toughest of times, and that can be done with humor, as Jon Gruden of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers showed this week.

"I think the future's so bright here you've got to wear shades," cracked Gruden after a 30-20 loss to the Raiders' past Tampa Bay's moribund offense on display a third consecutive week.

It wasn't a terribly original phrase. Gruden might, in fact, have picked it up from one of those Disney World souvenir shops, near where his team con-



Dick Vermeil's Chiefs are 0-3 and play at Baltimore and Jacksonville in their next two games.

ducts training camp, the same words written below Mickey and Goofy, starting out on a T-shirt wearing dark glasses.

Then he continued: "This is as low as I have been personally. The two or three friends I have left in Tampa ... I'm sure will call me sometime today and pump me up."

Meanwhile, in Kansas City,

Dick Vermeil has only to stay the course, which he will. There's too much talent there not to make a late run to the playoffs and the key is patience. He brought in new defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham and it's going to take perhaps half a season before the Chiefs look consistently strong on defense.

They stuffed Houston's running game Sunday, did an average job against quarterback David Carr, but were beaten by a 102-yard interception return for a touchdown by Marcus Coleman and a 49-yard field goal at the end of the fourth quarter.

Panic? Kansas City defensive end Eric Hicks laughed it off. "Panic is for college kids."

Next up: Chiefs at Baltimore on Monday night and Bucs at home to the Broncos. Vermeil will stick against the run to stop Jamal Lewis, knowing quarterback Kyle Boller isn't going to hurt them. Tampa Bay will have Michael Pittman back from a three-game suspension.

Relax. It's still early.

McNair released from hospital

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair was released from the hospital Tuesday after a two-night stay with a bruised sternum.

McNair was injured late in the Titans' 15-12 loss to Jacksonville on Sunday. The 2003 co-MVP got hurt at the end of a 5-yard run when he dove forward and 312-pound Jaguars defensive tackle Marcus Stroud came down on McNair's back.

Coach Jeff Fisher said McNair will be listed as questionable for Sunday's game against the San Diego Chargers. Tuesday was an off-day for the Titans, who return to practice Wednesday.

If McNair doesn't play, Billy Volek will make his first start since rupturing his spleen in a 28-26 victory over Buffalo last December.



McNair had the same injury in 2000 and spent two nights in the hospital, but he had the team's off week to heal. When he came back, he played in only the final minutes of the game.

Bears sign QB Hutchinson

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Chicago Bears signed former Dallas quarterback Chad Hutchinson to a two-year contract Tuesday after Rex Grossman was lost for the season with a knee injury.

Hutchinson will begin practice Wednesday. A former St. Louis Cardinals prospect, the 6-foot-5 Hutchinson started nine games as a rookie with Dallas in 2002. Jonathan Quinn will start Sun-

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's progress for upcoming game. (See Saturday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league.)

Bengals: LB Nate Webster (knee tendon) out for season.

Browns: LB Ben Taylor (torso chest tendon) out for season.

Dolphins: RB Lamar Gordon (dislocated shoulder) out for season.

day against the unbeaten Eagles at Soldier Field.

Browns RB Suggs ready

BEREA, Ohio — Browns running back Les Suggs, inactive for Cleveland's first three games with a neck stinger, has been granted medical clearance to practice at full speed this week.

The speedy second-year back from Virginia Tech expects to make his season debut Sunday against the Washington Redskins.

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STARS AND STRIPES

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Top Scores for Week 3

210	SEAHAWK FAN	610	CHICKYBOWWOW
210	Texas Are Champs	600	razor
208	junya	600	glants1
206	huttbama	588	Jaguar One
202	Steel City Player	584	steeler on the rhine
200	Chief	580	Jack58
200	Houston	578	me
198	awc2002	574	WPNSLead
198	NUPE NUPE	574	Hillbilly
198	That Guy	572	DR DOOM

Best Overall Scores

726 AMS
86 mwp/q
hnc2/37 ar
DoDD5
Sembach AB
422 ABS RAF Croughton
Darmstadt
spangdahlem
52 AMKS
Heidelberg

See website for official game rules.

Check this space every Thursday during the entire NFL season for the weeks Top Scores and Best Overall Scores during the NFL Challenge.

Mets try again, hire Expos GM Minaya for front office

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Mets are revamping their front office for the second straight offseason, hiring Omar Minaya from the Montreal Expos to become the head of baseball operations.

Minaya, the Expos general manager for the past three seasons, was contacted earlier this week and told the Mets on Tuesday

that he would leave the Expos to return to New York, a baseball official said in the condition he not be identified.

Mets owner Fred Wilpon declined comment Tuesday night.

Minaya had spoken with the Mets last off-season and was offered a job, but declined it when he was not offered full decision-making power. He now will be above General Manager Jim Duquette in the hierarchy, although his formal title has not yet been determined, the baseball official said.

Minaya's hiring probably will be announced Friday, the official said, when the Expos start a season-ending three-game series at New York.

He was senior assistant general manager of the Mets under Steve Phillips before he was hired by the commissioner's office as general manager of the Expos in 2002.

He is known for his emphasis on scouting and player development, and while with the Texas Rangers was responsible for the signing of Sammy Sosa.

Minaya has already told manager Art Howe that he is being fired at the end of the season.

Minaya's status with the Expos was uncertain. The team likely will be moved to Washington, D.C., for next season.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	92	59	.610
x-Boston	85	62	.576
Tampa Bay	66	82	.444
Toronto	60	89	.399

Central Division			
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Kansas City	57	100	.363

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Red Sox 10, Devil Rays 8 (11)

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x-San Diego	77	65	.541

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Guerrero homers twice as Angels soar into first place

Anaheim routs Texas, ties Oakland atop AL West

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — For the first time in over three months, the Anaheim Angels are back in first place.

Vladimir Guerrero homered twice and drove in five runs while leading 4-for-5 Tuesday night to go the Angels to their fourth straight victory, 8-2 over the Texas Rangers.

Anaheim (89-68) returned to top of the AL West in a tie with Oakland for the first time since June 8 after the Athletics lost 7-4 Tuesday night to Seattle. The Rangers (86-71) are three games back with five to play.

"This thing can change momentum in a heartbeat. There's no reason to put too much stock in where we are," manager Mike Scioscia said. "The challenge is in front of us, and the opportunity is in front of us also."

The Angels never trailed Texas after Guerrero's two solo homers in the first. It was 8-0 after the MVP contender's 36th homer, a three-run shot in the sixth.

"I'm not trying to win the MVP. I'm trying to play every day to win a championship," Guerrero said.

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"Right now, obviously his stroke of driving the ball is re-emerging, and that's great to see. It's a great time to see it," Scioscia said. "He's been about as consistent as any player I've seen from start to finish."

Guerrero also had a homer and a double in the Angels' 5-3 win on Monday night to start the series at Texas.

"I don't think he has much of an approach at the plate. He just goes out there and swings," said Angels starter Kelvin Escobar, the beneficiary Tuesday. "I don't think you can do much against him. You can make him look stupid on one pitch, and he'll hit it out of the park on the next pitch."

Escobar (11-12) allowed just two runs on three hits over six innings to win for the first time in four starts against Texas this season. He struck out three and walked one.

Garret Anderson and Dallas McPherson also homered for the Angels, who have two games left in Texas before a season-ending three-game series in Oakland.

Texas starter Chan Ho Park (3-7), 0-3 with a 6.55 in six September starts, gave up four runs on six hits over 4½ innings. He walked four.

"Chan Ho wasn't sharp enough to be facing a team like this," manager Buck Showalter said.

Red Sox 10, Devil Rays 8 (11): At St. Petersburg, Fla., Kevin Millar's two-out, two-run homer in the 11th inning pulled Boston within 2½ games of the New York Yankees in the AL East.

The Red Sox, who clinched a playoff spot Monday, matched their win total for last season and have won 95 games in consecutive seasons for just the third time in franchise history.

David Ortiz doubled off Danys Baez (4-4) with two outs in the 11th. Millar followed with his 18th homer.

Ramiro Mendoza (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory. Keith Foulke got three outs for his 31st save.

Indians 5, Royals 1: At Kansas City, Mo., Ryan Ludwick, Ronnie Belliard and Casey Blake homered to help Cleveland hand Kansas City its 100th loss of the season. He struck out three and walked one.



Anaheim Angels' Vladimir Guerrero follows through on his second home run of the game, a three-run shot in the sixth inning of the Angels' 8-2 victory over the Rangers in Arlington, Texas. Guerrero went 4-for-5.

Cliff Lee (13-8) retired 16 in a row at one point in 6½ innings.

Darrell May (9-19) leads the major leagues in losses.

Tigers 6, White Sox 4: At Detroit, Eric Munson hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh off Neal Cotts (4-4).

Bobby Higginson reached base in all five plate appearances with

a homer, double and three walks. Omar Infante also homered for the Tigers.

Paul Konerko hit his 41st homer, placing him in a tie for fourth on Chicago's single-season list.

Franklyn German (1-0) got the win in relief with two perfect innings, and Esteban Yan pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Suzuki adds to hits total vs. A's; just three off Sisler's mark

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Had it not been for a crazy bounce, Ichiro Suzuki might have added another hit to his astonishing total.

Suzuki had two hits to move within three of tying the season record, and the Seattle Mariners pounded Oakland starter Tim Hudson (2-6) in a 7-2 victory Tuesday night that dropped the Athletics into a first-place tie with

Anaheim. The Angels won 8-2 at Texas.

In his second at-bat, Suzuki hit a sharp liner that went off Hudson's back and bounced in front of shortstop Bobby Crosby, who had to make a tough play to get Suzuki at first. Had Hudson not gotten in the way, it would've been a line drive up the middle.

"Of course when that ball hit Hudson, he acted like it didn't even hit him. He didn't show any

pain," Suzuki said. "Even though he's the enemy, he's a great pitcher and someone I really like."

Oakland dropped out of sole possession of first place for the first time in 54 days, since the team was a half-game behind Texas on Aug. 5.

Bret Boone hit a two-run homer and Jeremy Reed had a double among his three hits and also drove in a run. Gil Meche (7-6) won his third straight deci-

sion to beat the A's for the first time in nine career starts.

Greg Dobbs added two hits and two RBIs for Seattle (61-96), trying to avoid the club's first 100-loss season since 1983. The A's have lost six of eight.

"Once we figure out how to pitch to Reed and Dobbs, we'll be in good shape," Hudson said. "We're not supermen out there. All those darn September callups, that's our kryptonite. I guess.

Five games left and we're all knocked up. We need to win three of five and they need to lose three of five."

Suzuki finished 2-for-5 and needs four hits in Seattle's final five games to break Greg Sisler's 84-year-old record of 257 hits in a season.

"Five games left and it's been a good season for me. I hope I don't regret anything and go out there and finish it off," Suzuki said.

During the recount of the 2000 Election in Florida, a lawyer wrote a memorandum explaining how to use legal technicalities to disqualify the Absentee Ballot Votes of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Guardsmen serving overseas.

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Giants' closer suspended

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — San Francisco Giants pitcher Dustin Hermanson was suspended for three games for intentionally hitting

MLB briefs

Jeff Kent of the Houston Astros with a pitch in game last week.

Hermanson also was fined an undisclosed amount, baseball's vice president, Bob Watson, announced Tuesday. Hermanson, the Giants' closer, is appealing, and the suspension will remain on hold until the process is completed.

Hermanson hit former Giants second baseman Kent with a pitch after warnings were issued during the game in San Francisco on Sept. 23. The Giants and the As-

trots are in a tight race for the playoffs in the last week of the season.

Red Sox, Yankees pitchers each suspended three games

NEW YORK — Pitchers Pedro Astacio of Boston and Brad Halsey of New York each were suspended Tuesday for three games and fined an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing at batters.

The disciplinary action was announced by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president of onfield operations.

Astacio and Halsey appealed, so they remain eligible to pitch until their hearings.

Astacio was tossed Sunday for throwing behind Kenny Lofton, while Halsey and Yankees manager Joe Torre were ejected after the reliever threw a pitch high and tight to Dave Roberts.

Baseball back in D.C. after 33-year hiatus

City plans celebration, awaits announcement of Expos' move to nation's capital

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Richard Nixon, president and man was still making trips to the moon the last time the word "Washington" appeared in the Major League Baseball standings.

On Opening Day, April 4, 2005, look for the nation's capital to return.

Baseball was to announce Wednesday that Washington will be the new home of the Montreal Expos, according to a city official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The city was to celebrate Wednesday afternoon with a news conference featuring people associated with the old Washington Senators, the official said.

"I think we'll be in a position where we can have a celebration tomorrow," Mayor Anthony Williams told WUSA-TV late Tuesday.

Williams was noncommittal at his regular weekly news conference Wednesday, telling reporters he was still waiting for official notification from Major League Baseball officials.

The announcement comes one day before the 33rd anniversary of the Senators' final game. The team moved to Texas after the 1971 season, which was also the last time a major league team was relocated.

A crucial hurdle was cleared this week when, according to the

city official, baseball reached an understanding with Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who had previously objected to having a team relocate just 40 miles from the Orioles' Camden Yards stadium.

Baseball has been looking for a new home for the Expos since the financially troubled team was bought by the other 29 major league owners in 2002.

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, did not return telephone messages seeking comment Tuesday night. Angelos refused comment when reached at his home, and there was no confirmation by baseball of a deal between the commissioner's office and Angelos.

Las Vegas, Norfolk, Va.; Monterrey, Mexico; Portland, Ore.; and Northern Virginia also made bids, but Washington clearly took the lead during negotiations over recent weeks, strengthened by its wealthy population base and a financial package that would include a new stadium primarily with taxpayers' money.

The negotiations have produced a 30-page document that would conditionally award the Expos to Washington, pending approval by the City Council. The document has not yet been signed as of Tuesday night, the city source told the AP.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig, reached at his Milwaukee home, declined comment.

Plans call for a \$440 million



President Eisenhower makes the Opening Day pitch to get the baseball season underway in Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C., in this April 13, 1954 photo. Washington was awaiting an announcement Wednesday that the Montreal Expos will move to the city for the 2005 season.

package that would include a new ballpark to be built along the Anacostia River about a dozen blocks south of the U.S. Capitol. The package also includes a \$13 million refurbishment of RFK Stadium, where the team would play for three seasons while the new facility is being built.

Some fans interviewed Wednesday in the district's downtown were wary of the financial implications for the cash-strapped city

government.

"It's probably money that could be better spent elsewhere," said John Beckley, a Virginia resident who routinely travels to Baltimore to see the Orioles play.

"I guess the nation's capital deserves to have a representative in baseball, but obviously it's going to cost a lot of money," said Stephen Thomas, a district resident.

Others, like retired district

resident Bob Ryan, were clearly elated.

"I've lived here all my life. I was a Washington Senators fan in the old days," Ryan said. "It's good to have it back."

Washington needed an answer from Major League Baseball this week because the ballpark legislation had to be introduced in the City Council by Friday in order for it to be passed by Dec. 31, when terms expire for several pro-baseball council members.

Even now, some members of the council think the deal might not pass because it is perceived as too generous to baseball in a city that struggles to fund adequate schools and city services.

"I think everybody is excited about baseball coming to the District," Councilman Adrian Fenty said. "Very few District residents are excited about a full subsidy to pay for this stadium. ... At the end of the day, you're not going to have seven council members support it."

The move also must be approved by three-quarters of major league owners and survive legal challenges by the Expos' former United States partner.

After the announcement, the process of selling the Expos will start. A group that includes former Rangers general manager Fred Mallek has been seeking a Washington franchise for five years. In addition, several baseball officials have said in the past week that Stan Kasten, former president of the Atlanta Braves, Hawks and Thrashers, might be trying to assemble a group.

Magic comeback reduces L.A.'s magic number to 3

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Milton Bradley snapped. Then, aided by the horrendous Colorado Rockies' bullpen, the Los Angeles Dodgers pulled off perhaps their most improbable victory of the season.

Steve Finley's two-run single capped a five-run rally in the ninth inning that gave the Dodgers a 5-4 victory over the Rockies on Tuesday night, enabling them to lower their magic number for winning the NL West championship to three. They lead San Francisco by three games with five remaining.

"It's the most unbelievable comeback I've ever been a part of in the close to 30 years that I've been in the game," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "I really don't have words to express what I just witnessed."

Colorado's Vinny Castilla did.

"Unbelievable. Pitchers couldn't throw strikes," he said. "If you can't win this game, what game can you win? It's unbelievable."

The Rockies led 4-0 entering the ninth thanks mainly to the three-hit pitching of Jamey Wright and three relievers and a two-run error by Bradley that led to the Los Angeles outfielder's ejection.

Shawn Chacon struck out Olinde Saenz to start the ninth, but walked Alex Cora, pinch-hitter Robin Ventura and Jose Hernandez, and Cesar Izturis to force in a run.



San Francisco Giants A.J. Pierzynski, left, and J.T. Snow celebrate after beating the San Diego Padres on Tuesday to move into a tie with the Cubs in the NL wild-card race.

Tim Lincecum (6-6) relieved and gave up a two-run double to Jayson Werth and Finley's single, a grounder between first and second.

"My mechanics were messed up," a disconsolate Chacon said. "I don't know what it was. This one hurts."

Elmer Dessens (2-6), who retired the Rockies in order in the top of the ninth, was the winner.

Bradley was thrown out of the game after a fan threw a plastic bottle at him following his two-out error and subsequent RBI single by Brad Hawpe that capped a three-run, eighth-inning rally by the Rockies.

Bradley couldn't handle pinch-hitter Mark Sweeney's liner with the bases loaded, allowing two runs to score and giving the Rockies a 3-0 lead.

Bradley, whose temper led the Cleveland Indians to trade him to the Dodgers before the season, picked up the bottle, left his position and angrily approached the stands — appearing to yell at a fan. He then slammed the bottle into the front row of the stands.

Several Dodgers players came out to right field and tried to calm down Bradley, who was arguing with umpire Jim Joyce and was ejected.

As Bradley walked from right field to the Dodgers' dugout, he took his jersey and hat off. With the crowd behind the dugout bellowing, Bradley gestured with palms up, urging the fans on.

The game was delayed for about four minutes.

Giants 7, Padres 5: Edgardo Alfonzo's two-run double capped a six-run rally in the fourth for San Francisco at Petco Park as the Giants moved into a tie with Chicago atop the NL wild-card standings.

Jason Schmidt (17-7) won for the second time in eight starts, allowing four runs and seven hits in six innings.

The Padres are three games out in the wild-card race with five to play and were eliminated from contention in the West.

Reds 8, Cubs 3: At Chicago, Adam Dunn reached 100 RBIs for the first time with his 44th homer to help hand the Cubs a costly loss in the wild-card race.

D'Angelo Jimenez and Darren Bragg also connected off Greg Maddux (15-11).

Astros 2, Cardinals 1: At Houston, Jeff Backus drove in two runs, and Brandon Backus (4-3) pitched five solid innings to help the Astros close to within a half-game of San Francisco and Chicago in the NL wild-card race with their 14th straight home win, equalling a franchise record set in 1980.

St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen went 0-for-3 in his return after missing 16 games with a strained upper left calf and bruised left shin.

Marlins 5, Expos 2: At Montreal, Jeff Conine homered and Mike Lowell drove in two runs to lead Florida to a win in what might prove to be the Expos' second-to-last game at Olympic Stadium.

A crowd of 5,416 was on hand, likely the last tiny baseball crowd at the stadium. The Expos are expected to be relocated for 2005, and about 20,000 to 25,000 fans are expected to see the team's final home game of the season — and probably ever — in Montreal on Wednesday.

Mets 2-2, Braves 1-5: At Atlanta, Johnny Estrada's tiebreaking sixth-inning single helped the Braves split a doubleheader with the Mets.

The Mets were the opener on solo homers by Gerald Williams and Eric Valenz.

Diamondbacks 9, Brewers 8 (11): At Phoenix, Alan Zinter hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th to give Arizona the win.

HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

er with Hill climbing

Baileys could help Mustangs secure first playoff berth

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

Mewith Hill's brother, act, freshman quarterback Matt and junior running back Mike Bailey, have put the Mustangs squarely into the middle of the Division III playoff picture.

Matt, 14, made his varsity debut Sept. 18 by playing quarterback and wingback in a 38-14 victory over the Heidelberg junior varsity. All he did was rush three times for 106 yards and a touchdown and complete four of six passes, one for a touchdown.

Last Saturday, during a 50-8 victory at Alconbury, he was 5-for-7 with a touchdown pass (to brother Mike) and a rushing touchdown. He also intercepted two passes from his free safety position.

Mike, 17, carried the ball 11 times for 115 yards against the Heidelberg JV.

He followed that with 11 rushes for 160 yards against Alconbury. He also scored five touchdowns: two rushing, one receiving, one punt return and one interception return.

Just two games into the season, the team is on its way toward making the playoffs for the first time in school history.

From Mike's point of view, however, there's a downside to all this glory.

"Because he's the quarterback, I usually have to take orders from him," Mike said. "In the huddle, you can't argue with him."

Not that there's much reason to. Thanks to a sizable and experienced line, which averages 220 pounds, and another gifted freshman in the backfield, 200-pound LeShawn Adams, Mewith Hill has shown it is a team to reckon with despite a high school enrollment of fewer than 100.

Mewith Hill coach Pete Resnick, who has battled skill numbers since he launched the school's first team in the mid-'90s, said he knew this year was going to be special.



Courtesy of Jeremy Luck

Mewith Hill junior running back Mike Bailey has rushed for over 100 yards in each of the Mustangs' first two games, and scored five TDs last week.

"I had middle school PE last year, and I could see that Matt and LeShawn would be good athletes," said Resnick.

"This is the most talent we've ever had. Mike is a heck of an athlete, too. We just seem to have come together."

Mike Bailey agreed.

"We have a really good line," he said of a group led by senior

center Pedro Rodriguez, senior guard Grant Conklin and senior tight end Kevin Hershey. "They make my job easy."

The early season success has the Baileys thinking of bigger and better things.

"We're going to go to the Division III championships," said Matt. "We have the skill to go there."

Mike has his sights set on a



Courtesy of Jeremy Luck

Mewith Hill QB Matt Bailey, a freshman, was 5-for-7 with a TD pass in a 50-8 victory over Alconbury last week. He also intercepted two passes.

more immediate goal, a homecoming game against Rota on Oct. 9 on the Mustangs' home field.

A victory against the Admirals would send Mewith Hill into the playoffs as the III-A conference champions.

"We don't want to lose to Rota," said Mike, a team co-captain. "It's my job to keep the team focused. We've got to be intense."

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This week's schedule

Cross country

Saturday

Incril at Ankara; Marymount, Naples and Vicenza at American Overseas School of Rome; Livorno, Milan and Signella at Aviano; AFNORTH: Baumholder, Frankfurt International, Kaiserslautern, Mannheim and Ramstein at Kaiserslautern; Alconbury, Lakenheath and Mewith Hill at London Central; Black Forest Academy, Hurlingham and Würzburg at Patch; Bitburg, Brussels, In-ternational School of Brussels, and John's at SHAPE; Bamberg, Hohenfels and Vilsbiburg at Weibaden; Bitburg, Brussels and Lakenheath at SHAPE.

Football

(Overall, conference records in parentheses)

Friday

Division II-C: Ansbach (2-0, 0-0) at Hohenfels (1-1, 0-0).

Saturday

Division I: Heidelberg (2-0, 1-0) at Wiesbaden (2-0, 1-0); Lakenheath (1-1, 0-0) at Kaiserslautern (0-2, 0-1); Würzburg (0-2, 0-1) at Ramstein (1-1, 0-1).

Division II-North: International School of Brussels (2-0, 2-0) at SHAPE (2-0, 1-0); Mannheim (0-2, 0-1) at London Central (0-2, 0-2).

Division II-South: Aviano (1-0, 1-0) at Vilsbiburg (1-1, 1-1); Naples (2-0, 1-0) at Patch (0-2, 0-2).

Division III nonconference: Bitburg (1-1) at Hana (0-0).

Division III-B: AFNORTH (1-1, 0-0) at Brussels (1-1, 0-1).

Division III nonconference: Alconbury (0-2) at Baumholder (1-1); Bamberg (0-2) at Rota (1-1); Lakenheath JV at Mewith Hill (2-0); Signella (1-1) at Vicenza (1-1); Giesen (0-2) at Kaiserslautern JV.

Sunday

Bamberg, Baumholder, Heidelberg and Vilsbiburg at Ramstein; Hana, Kaiserslautern and Mannheim at Würzburg; Patch, SHAPE and Wiesbaden at Lakenheath.

Field

Patch, SHAPE and Wiesbaden at Lakenheath.

Tennis

Nonconference: AFNORTH at Kaiserslautern.

Division I: Heidelberg at Würzburg; Lakenheath at International School of Brussels; Wiesbaden at Ramstein.

Division II: SHAPE at Baumholder; Mannheim at Patch; Vilsbiburg at Hana.

Division III: Mannheim at London Central; Bamberg at Baumholder; Ansbach at Hohenfels.

Volleyball

Division I: Heidelberg at Würzburg; Lakenheath at International School of Brussels; Wiesbaden at Ramstein.

Division II: SHAPE at Baumholder; Mannheim at Patch; Vilsbiburg at Hana.

Division III: Mannheim at London Central; Bamberg at Baumholder; Ansbach at Hohenfels.

Incril at Ankara; Marymount and Vicenza at American Overseas School of Rome; Milan and Signella at Aviano; Naples at Livorno; Bamberg, Frankfurt International School and Ramstein at Kaiserslautern; Heidelberg and Vilsbiburg at Hana; Ansbach at Hohenfels; AFNORTH, Black Forest Academy and Mannheim at Kaiserslautern; Alconbury, Giesen and Mewith Hill at London Central; Wiesbaden and Würzburg at Patch; Bitburg, Brussels and Lakenheath at SHAPE.

Game of the week

What: Division I football. When: Heidelberg (2-0, 1-0) at Wiesbaden (2-0, 1-0).

Where: Wiesbaden High School's Warburg Stadium, Wiesbaden.

What's at stake: Division I lead.

This will be the game of the year in Division I. Wiesbaden coach Steve Jewell said, "It's going to be a tough game."

The game matches Wiesbaden's power forward, Paul Myers, against Heidelberg's power forward, Dan Hill.

"Like everyone else, we expect them to be a tough game," Heidelberg coach Brad Shahan said. "They have a lot of talent, and they're going to be a big fullback. We expect them to run the ball and pass the ball."

Heidelberg's defense is expected to control the ball and the clock.

"Our plan is to put it on the ground and hammer it in there," he said, adding that he hoped to counter Heidelberg's speed with a hard-fighting defense.

"They have a lot of talent in the skill positions," Jewell said. "We're going to have to try to stay with them."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kyle Winn

Football

AFNORTH

Last week: Winn, a 5-7, 165-pound senior running back/defender, rushed 21 times for 176 yards Saturday and caught a touchdown pass as AFNORTH defeated Rota 24-14 to win its first homecoming game in 10 years and one of six starts since the opening day of the 2002 season.

According to coach Greg Blankenship, Winn, whom he termed a triple-threat to run, catch or throw the ball on any down, also snared



a fourth-down pass to keep alive the drive for the game-winning touchdown.

"Kyle played a tremendous game and is becoming a strong, slashing runner," Blankenship wrote in an e-mail, which also praised Winn for his work ethic.

"He trained throughout the offseason and summer to increase his leg strength and explosive speed," Blankenship wrote. "In addition, Kyle will shake the coaches' hands after a hard practice and thank them personally for making him a better athlete."

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Carly Bascom

Volleyball

Alconbury

Last week: Bascom, a sophomore setter, totaled 35 assists Saturday as Alconbury downed defending European Division III champion London Central 25-10, 25-11 and host Mewith Hill 25-10, 25-8, 25-16.

For good measure, she chalked up 38 service points in the victories. 11 of them against old nemesis London Central, which has beaten the Dragons for the III-North title the past two years.



"It was a long time coming," Alconbury coach Lisa Westlake said.

Westlake knows why Bascom is one of the mainstays of the team's early success. "She's very solid and consistent," Westlake said. "She runs our offense and allows us to run things we couldn't run last year."

Although she's just a sophomore, Bascom is in her second year as a starter for the Dragons. She also is one of six starters from last year who returned for another season at Alconbury.

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Navy on defensive

Commander In Chief's Trophy motivates Midshipmen, Falcons

BY MARK SCHLABACH
The Washington Post

A few minutes after Navy beat Army last December, Athletic Director Chet Gladchuk had an order for Capt. Greg Cooper, the academy's deputy director of athletics. "Go get the trophy," Gladchuk told him. Two days later, Cooper flew to the Air Force Academy, where he gladly accepted the Commander In Chief's Trophy from the Falcons.

But later that day, when Cooper arrived at Colorado Springs, Colo., Airport with the trophy delicately packed in its metal box, airline officials told him they couldn't fit the box through the boarding door or into the cargo hold of the jet taking him to Baltimore. Airline personnel suggested shipping the trophy, which would arrive in three or four days.

"You don't understand," Cooper told them. "I'm not going back to the academy without it." So Cooper did what any proud Midshipman would do. He rented a U-haul truck, strapped the trophy in and drove more than 1,700 miles to Annapolis, Md.

"I never realized there were so many country-western radio stations between here and Colorado Springs," Cooper said. "It was a labor of love, but we were eager to show the Midshipmen what they'd won."

For the past 10 months, the Commander In Chief's Trophy, which is given annually to the winner of the football competition among Army, Navy and Air



Navy at Air Force
1:30 a.m. Friday
AFN-Sports

Game time is Central European.

Force, has sat in a glass case in Bancroft Hall, which houses more than 4,000 midshipmen at the academy. Navy hadn't won the trophy since 1961, but by beating Air Force, 28-25, and Army, 34-6, the Midshipmen claimed the 2½-foot, 170-pound trophy topped by three footballs.

Navy will try to take the first step in retaining the trophy Thursday night when it plays Air Force at Falcon Stadium. The Midshipmen are off to their first 4-0 start since 1979; Air Force is 2-2, having lost to nationally ranked California and Utah. Navy plays Army (winless so far) Dec. 4 in Philadelphia; the Falcons play the Cadets on Nov. 6 in West Point, N.Y.

"We've had that taste back in our mouths," Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco said. "It means so much to all of the midshipmen and the entire fleet. It just means so much to everyone involved."

Navy has won the trophy in consecutive seasons only once, in 1978 and 1979. Air Force, which had won the trophy for six consecutive seasons before last season, has won the trophy 16 times since



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Senior quarterback Aaron Polanco (6) leads Navy (4-0) with an average of 98.2 rushing yards a game.

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